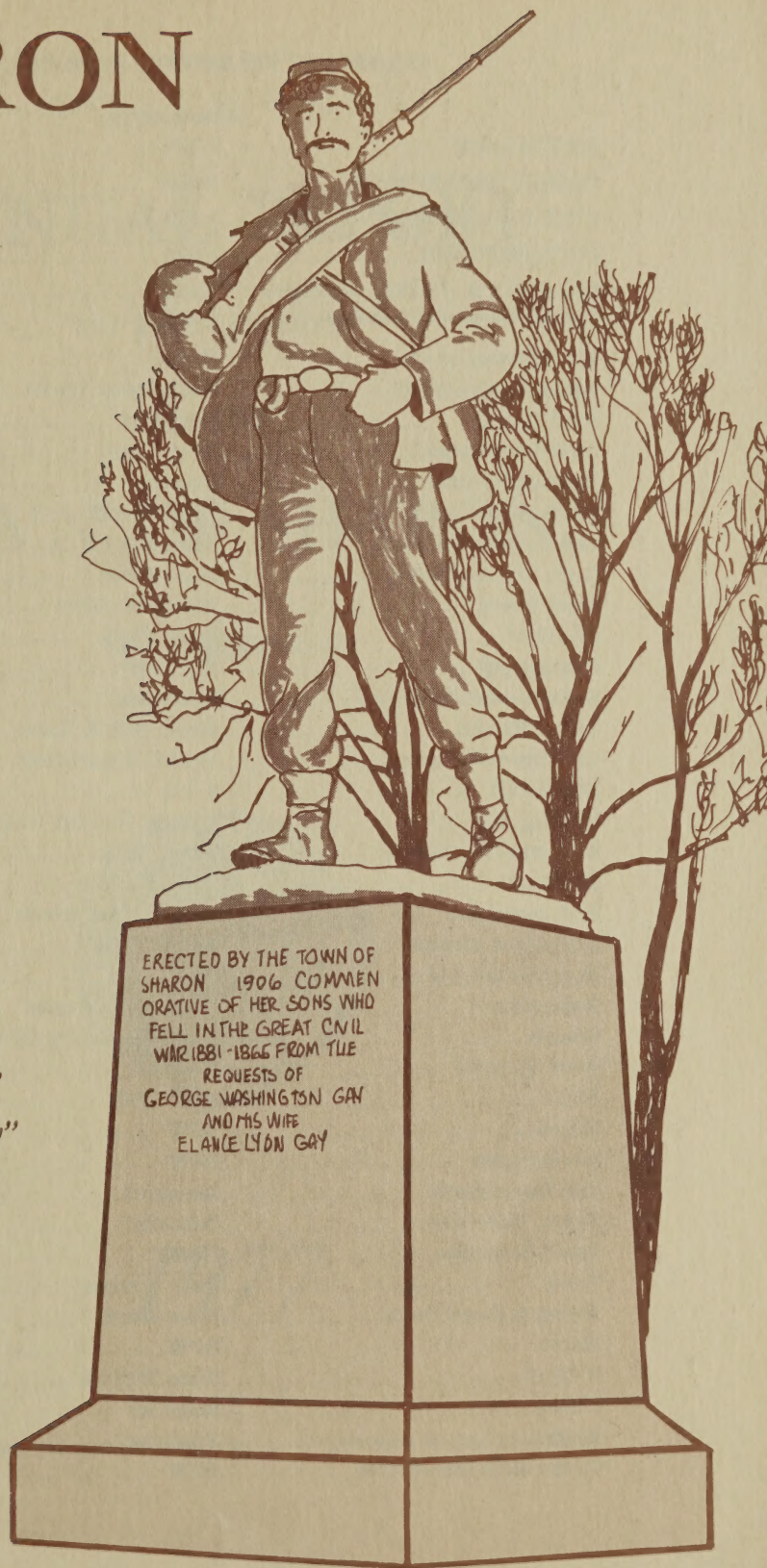


# SHARON



*"Soldiers Monument,*

*Rock Ridge Cemetery"*

ERECTED BY THE TOWN OF  
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WAR 1861-1865 FROM THE  
REQUESTS OF  
GEORGE WASHINGTON GAY  
AND HIS WIFE  
ELANCE LYON GAY

## IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

	Emergencies	Regular Business
AMBULANCE .....	4-3535 .....	4-5300
POLICE DEPARTMENT .....	4-3535 .....	4-5300
FIRE DEPARTMENT .....	4-2121 .....	4-5677
CIVIL DEFENSE .....	4-5631 .....	4-6993
HIGHWAY & WATER, weekdays	4-5961 .....	4-5961
Nights/Weekends/Holidays .....	4-5300	
For Information On:	Call:	Phone:
Aging, Programs for .....	Community Center .....	4-7500
Assessments .....	Assessors .....	4-5771
Birth Certificates .....	Town Clerk .....	4-6900
Building Permits .....	Inspector .....	4-6769
Death Certificates .....	Town Clerk .....	4-6900
Dog Licenses .....	Town Clerk .....	4-6900
Dogs, Lost & Found .....	Dog Officer .....	4-5511
Draft Board .....	Veterans' Agent .....	4-2362
Elections .....	Town Clerk .....	4-6900
Engineering .....	Engineer .....	4-6769
Entertainment Licenses .....	Selectmen .....	4-6909
Game Warden .....	Mass. Fish & Game .....	727-3151
Garbage Collection .....	Health Department .....	4-3771
HOT LINE .....	S.O.S. .....	4-7777
Housing, Elderly .....	Elderly Housing Complex ...	4-2733
Marriage Certificates .....	Town Clerk .....	4-6900
Medicaid .....	State Welfare .....	762-6300
Milk Inspection .....	Health Department .....	4-3771
Mortgages, Chattel .....	Town Clerk .....	4-6900
Mosquito Control .....	DPW .....	4-5961
Recreation .....	Community Center .....	4-7500
Schools .....	Superintendent's Office .....	4-5937
Snow Removal .....	DPW .....	4-5961
S.O.S. .....	HOT LINE .....	4-7777
Streets .....	DPW .....	4-5961
Street Lights .....	DPW .....	4-5961
Tax Assessments .....	Assessors .....	4-5771
Taxes, Collection .....	Collector .....	4-5000
Trash Collection .....	DPW .....	4-5961
Trees .....	Tree Warden .....	4-5961
Voting & Registration .....	Town Clerk .....	4-6900
Water .....	DPW .....	4-5961
Welfare .....	State Welfare .....	762-6300
Wiring .....	Inspector .....	4-6769
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# ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE CITIZENS

OF THE

# TOWN OF SHARON

Massachusetts



1977





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ABOUT the COVER — *Soldiers Monument, located on a small hill at the front of Rock Ridge Cemetery was erected in 1908 by Mrs. Theo Alice Ruggles Kitson. Deborah Sampson's grandson, George Washington Gay, provided in his will that half of his estate should go to the construction of a monument in Rock Ridge Cemetery. It was to be a memorial to Sharon's dead from the Civil War and to Deborah Sampson Gannett for her efforts in the Revolutionary War. The Monument is visible from East Street near its intersection with Mountain Street.*

# ADMINISTRATION

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**Norman Katz, Chairman**

**Colleen M. Tuck**

**Adolf W. Arnold**

**J. Edward Bamber, Executive Secretary**

**Marilyn J. Slogett, Secretary**

As the Town of Sharon grows and the complexities of modern municipal government multiply, the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Selectmen also increase. The year 1977 was a very important one for our town, and although many of the major items are discussed in detail in other departmental reports, this report will highlight some of the more important and serious events which required action by the Board.

### SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Early in 1977 the Board of Selectmen held hearings on proposed design improvements at the more busy and potentially dangerous intersections in the town. The State Department of Public Works, after observation and study of traffic in Sharon, proposed major changes at seven intersections. The cost of the projects is fully funded by the federal and state governments.

Of the seven projects, the most controversial one concerns Post Office Square. The redesign of the square has long been considered to be essential, but has been delayed by concerns of merchants relative to the loss of parking spaces. A new proposal by the State Department of Public Works is being reviewed and discussed by this Board and a special committee of residents in hopes of reaching a solution agreeable to all.

The Board of Selectmen had originally voted to approve the other six proposals, but following the Town Meeting vote to approve the development of Deborah Sampson Park into a new recreation complex, the D.P.W. decided to change its proposal for the intersection of Gunhouse, East Foxboro and South Main Streets. At year's end, the new proposal had not been submitted but is expected soon.

### CIVIL SERVICE CHANGE

The process for removing the town from the Civil Service system came to completion in 1977 as the voters overwhelmingly approved a ballot question on the issue. Because of the problems and difficulties which confront the Civil Service system, sometimes delaying action on



appointments for months, the Board feels the town is in a better position to recruit, examine and screen candidates for police appointment.

As a result of this vote, new police selection criteria had to be established and instituted. Proposals were drawn, finalized, and submitted to the Personnel Board for inclusion in their motion under Article 4 at Town Meeting. In effect, the system which the town has established is both more stringent and more progressive than the present Civil Service system. Although the Board has yet to utilize these new criteria in an actual appointment process we are confident that they will be both fair and efficient.

## **AMBULANCE**

The town took delivery of a new modular type ambulance in April of 1977. As mandated by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 211C, all cities and towns must either operate an emergency medical vehicle which conforms to the guidelines of the Office of Emergency Medical Services or subscribe to an ambulance service utilizing such vehicles. Bids were reviewed late in 1976 and an award and purchase order were signed in January of 1977. Professional Vehicle Sales, Inc. manufacturer of Horton Ambulances delivered the vehicle late in April and very soon after it was put into service.

Although at the close of 1977 state certification was still not complete we believe the problems can and will be worked out and the Sharon ambulance operation will gain full certification.

## **MOSQUITO SPRAYING**

Late in the spring, concern was voiced over the proposed aerial spraying of the town by the Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project with Baytex 4, a larvicide used in the control of mosquito larvae. Residents were concerned about the potential harmful effects of the widespread application of such chemicals. The Board voted to indefinitely suspend the planned spraying.

Shortly thereafter other residents, disturbed about the possibility of an infestation of mosquitoes, making outside activity uncomfortable, made their views known to the Board. A public hearing was scheduled and held on the subject. The Board consequently reconsidered its vote and authorized the resumption of spraying in Sharon. The vote was not unanimous and the Board remains sensitive to the feelings of the town residents on this issue.

## **FIRE CHIEF**

With the retirement of Fire Chief Walter B. Roach in April of 1977 the town began the process of selection and appointment of a new chief early in the year. The Board decided that it would accept applications from members of the Sharon Fire Department who desired to be considered for appointment to the position of Chief. A survey into personnel consulting firms was initiated and subsequently the firm of McCann

Associates of Pennsylvania was engaged to assist the town in the selection of a new Fire Chief.

Written and oral examinations were administered to four members of the Department who were candidates for appointment. In the interim Assistant Chief Stanley McLean was appointed Acting Chief. After long deliberation and consideration of other methods, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of McCann Associates and appointed James Polito Chief of the Fire Department.

### **SEPTAGE DISPOSAL**

A serious problem facing the town now and one which is certain to become more pressing is the disposal of septage. The town presently pays the Metropolitan District Commission's Metropolitan Sewer District a per capita rate for the right to dump its sewage into lines located in Walpole, Canton and Stoughton. The MDC, facing greatly increased volumes of sewage overloading its own facilities, has notified towns like Sharon who are not full members of the MDC but participate in one of its projects, that after a certain date, they must dispose of their sewage in another way. The Board appointed a Committee of residents familiar with and interested in this issue to assess the situation and make recommendations to the Board on possible courses for future action. No concrete proposals are expected until sometime in 1978.

### **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION HIRING POLICY**

The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination consulted with the town on the establishment of an Affirmative Action hiring policy for municipal job recruitment. The Board signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the MCAD and will soon begin instituting the new policy. The first step will be to appoint an ad-hoc committee to study present hiring and promotion policies and to make recommendations for changes that will bring Sharon's policies into compliance with the agreement.

### **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Labor negotiations continue to make up large amounts of the Board's time. That time is certain to increase as all three of the labor organizations which bargain with the Board have contracts which expire at the end of the current fiscal year. The Board continues to attempt to balance the individual financial requirements of the town employees with the fiscal ability of the town to provide for those needs. The importance of fair and equitable agreements to the town and to the employees cannot be overlooked.

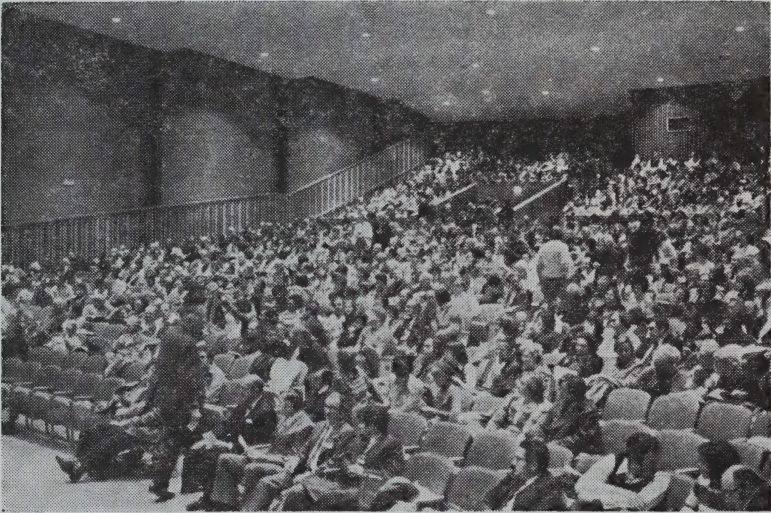
This year, as in past years, the Board of Selectmen wishes to extend its thanks to the employees of the town as well as all those serving on a volunteer basis on boards and committees who, together, are responsible for the smooth operation of the town. Their hard work and cooperation are deeply appreciated.



# OPEN TOWN MEETING

SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS

## A Description and Introduction



**The Town Meeting Assembles**

Open Town Meeting is the oldest political institution in the nation. Created on the basis of the one man, one vote concept, it remains today the only political institution in which a voter may speak and directly vote on an issue.

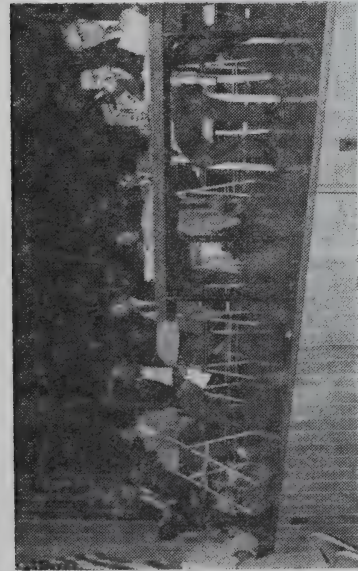
Town Meeting is that assembly at which the major business of the Town is debated and acted upon. Departmental budgets are approved, major projects such as buildings, roads or water improvements are funded and changes in the By-Laws are enacted.

Although Town Meeting has been criticized as being extremely sensitive to the interests of vocal minorities or concerned groups due to very small percentage turnouts, the openness of its activities and the availability of its process have allowed it to endure.

Knowing how the Town Meeting operates and being able to identify and understand each of the principal components of the town government represented at Town Meeting is just as important as knowledge of the subject being debated. To that end this section will attempt to indicate as clearly and concisely as possible the location and function of these components.

Following is a diagram and discussion accurately indicating the placement and purpose of the Moderator, Warrant Committee, Town Clerk, Board of Selectmen, and Planning Board.

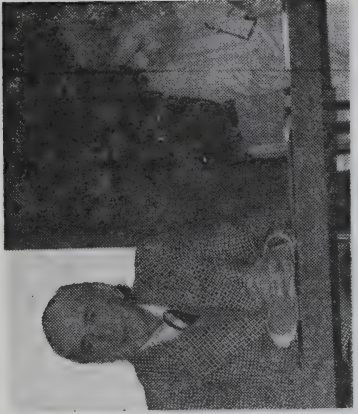




2. At table left, Warrant Committee Vice-Chairman, Leland Goldberg, right, Warrant Committee Chairman Ralph Hall.

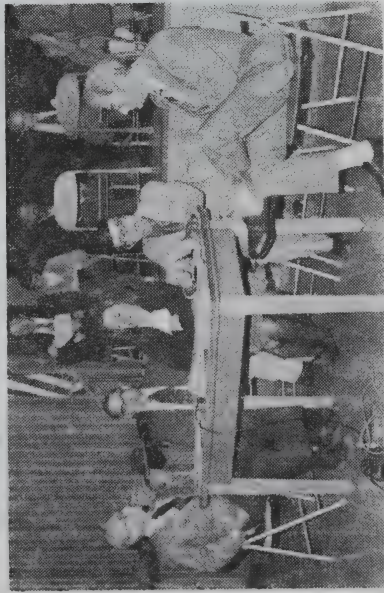


1. Moderator, George Donovan



3. Town Clerk, Arthur E. Collins and Assistant Town Clerk Katherine P. Neault.

## S T A G E



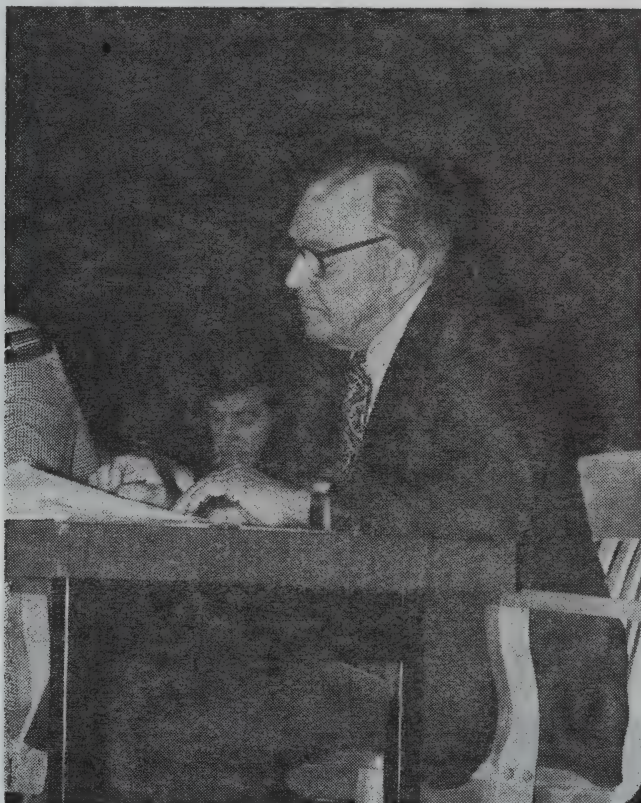
4. L. to R., Town Counsel Manuel Katz, Selectman Adolph A. Arnold, Selectwoman Colleen Tuck, Chairman Norman Katz, Executive Secretary J. Edward Bamber.

## PLANNING BOARD

No Photo Available

## F L O O R

1. Moderator — The Moderator is the central figure at Town Meeting and thus is placed at the podium at the center of the stage. The Moderator presides over the Town Meeting offering the articles for debate, recognizing voters for comment and ruling on the propriety of parliamentary motions. The Moderator is elected annually.

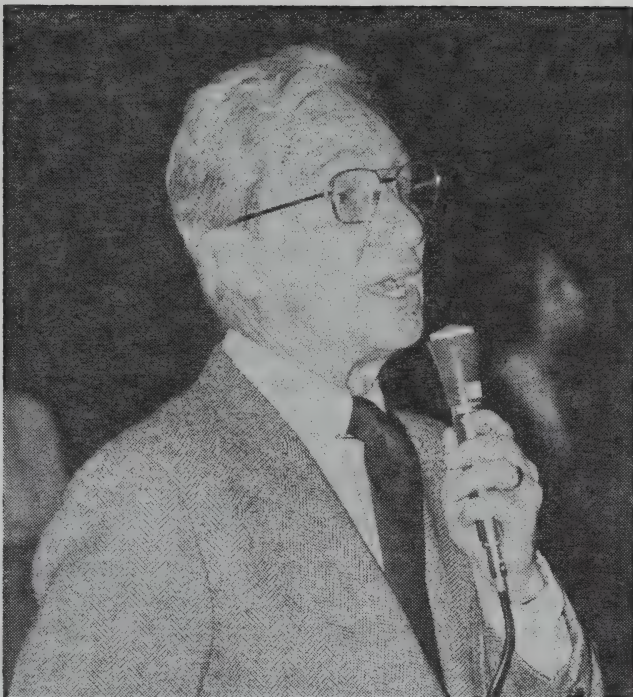


**Warrant Committee Chairman, Ralph Hall, reviews his work**

2. Warrant Committee — The Warrant Committee sits on the stage in the auditorium at Town Meeting to the voters left of the Moderator. The Warrant Committee reviews departmental budgets and all other warrant articles making recommendations to the voters of what they feel to be action in the best interest of the Town. Warrant Committee members are elected by voice vote at Town Meeting for three year terms.

3. Town Clerk — The Town Clerk is seated to the voters right of the Moderator on the stage. The Clerk's function is to keep a written record of the meeting or the minutes and to tabulate votes in the event of a standing vote. At present, the Town Clerk has tenure.





**Town Counsel Manuel Katz, addresses Town Meeting**

4. **Board of Selectmen** — The Board of Selectmen sits on the floor of the auditorium at Town Meeting to the voters left of the Moderator. Also seated with the Board are Town Counsel and the Executive Secretary. The Board is the executive authority in the Town Government and is responsible for the administration of a majority of the Town departments. The three member Board is elected on a rotating basis, one each year for three year terms.

5. **Planning Board** — The Planning Board is seated on the floor of the auditorium to the voters right of the Moderator. The function of the Planning Board is to administer the Zoning By-Laws on matters of significance, such as subdivisions or other major projects. They may have articles placed on the Warrant, hold hearings on those articles and make recommendations to the voters at Town Meeting.

In order to attend and vote at Town Meeting, one must be a registered voter in the Town for at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting. Once in the meeting, all one must do to speak is simply raise his/her hand and wait to be recognized by the Moderator.



The process of the Town Meeting is relatively simple. In most cases, the Moderator will read the Article to the Assembly. Next, the Chairman of the Warrant Committee is recognized so that a motion may be put to debate. The motion is seconded by the Vice-Chairman of the Warrant Committee and then general debate is open. If the Chairman of the Warrant Committee wishes to speak on the motion, then he/she is normally recognized first.

## TOWN MEETING MOTIONS

1. A motion for indefinite postponement generally means that if voted, action under that article is defeated for that session of Town Meeting, subject to reconsideration. A simple majority is all that is required.

2. Motions which authorize borrowing by the Town must be voted by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of those present.

3. Motions to amend are in order only during general debate. A written form of the motion to amend must be delivered to the Moderator so that it can be read to the assembly and debated.

4. A motion to move the previous question means that if voted, further debate is cut off. It is not a debatable motion. It requires a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote for passage.

5. Points of Order, Information or Personal Privilege are always in order, however, the point must specifically pertain to parliamentary procedure, meeting process or individual needs. It cannot pertain to the subject under debate. Point of Information cannot interrupt speakers on the floor.

6. A motion to reconsider is particularly complex due to its dual application. First, a motion to reconsider can be presented by a voter who believes that a negative action on a previous motion was an error and that more debate could change the vote. Second, the motion to reconsider is used to finalize action taken under an article. By custom, action may be reconsidered only once. Even if the motion to reconsider is defeated, the motion to reconsider may not be made again with respect to the article previously moved for reconsideration. Reconsideration motions require only simple majorities for passage.

7. Motions to take up action on an article out of order are normally made by governmental officials. Sometimes officials prefer to discuss a particular article before others in the order of the Warrant. In that case, the motion is made and voted upon. A simple majority is required.

# TOWN CLERK

**ARTHUR E. COLLINS, TOWN CLERK**

**Katherine P. Neault, Assistant Town Clerk**

**Shirley S. Davenport, Secretary**

**Lillian B. Schlafman, Secretary**

## VITAL STATISTICS

	1977	1976	1975	1974
BIRTHS RECORDED:				
Male	60	49	51	68
Female	62	54	52	76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>144</b>
MARRIAGES RECORDED:	218	277	280	315
DEATHS RECORDED:				
Male	82	94	90	100
Female	50	46	57	65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>165</b>

## VOTER REGISTRATION

### REGISTRARS:

**Olin Cleveland**

**Arthur E. Collins**

**Frederick Curley**

**Marguerite N. Dennett**

Precinct	Total	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	Am.
1	1946	307	825	814	—
2	1982	109	951	922	—
3	2022	156	960	904	2
4	1813	237	780	796	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7763</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>3516</b>	<b>3436</b>	<b>2</b>

POPULATION — JANUARY, 1977 — 13,799

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**February 22, 1977**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of February 7, 1977, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in town affairs met at the High School Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Moderator George E. Donovan. The Town Clerk read the call and return of the Warrant.

**ARTICLE 1. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.** To Amend Article 1, Annual Town Meeting, of the Town By-Laws as follows:

- a. By striking out the existing Section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:  
"Section 1. The Annual Town Meeting for the election of town officers shall be held on the first Tuesday in April of each year."

**VOTED:** That the meeting be officially dissolved at 8:07 p.m.

Attest: **ARTHUR E. COLLINS,**  
Town Clerk, Sharon, Mass.

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## **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**March 7, 1977**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of February 17, 1977, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in Town Affairs, met at the High School Auditorium at 8 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Moderator George E. Donovan. The Town Clerk read the call and return of the Warrant. Reading of the remainder was waived by unanimous consent.

Voted unanimously to allow Joseph McComiskey, Architect, to attend the meeting.

**ARTICLE 1. VOTED:** That the Town rename the Sharon School Buildings Repair Committee as the Sharon School Building Committee, said Committee established pursuant to the vote on Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting held on October 18, 1976.

**ARTICLE 2. MOVED:** That the Town appropriate the sum of \$360,000.00 for rehabilitating and remodeling the East Elementary School; that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$360,000.00 under Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended, and that the Sharon School Building Committee is authorized to take all action necessary to carry out this vote.



Previous question moved and carried. Votes in the affirmative, 100; votes in the negative 11. A standing vote.

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate the sum of \$360,000.00 for rehabilitating and remodeling the East Elementary School; that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$360,000.00 under Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended, and that the Sharon School Building Committee is authorized to take all action necessary to carry out this vote.

Votes in the affirmative, 236; votes in the negative, 11. A standing vote.

**ARTICLE 3. MOVED:** That the Town appropriate the sum of \$300,000.00 for remodeling and making extraordinary repairs to the High School; that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$300,000.00 under G.L. C.44, S.7 (3A) as amended, and that the Sharon School Building Committee is authorized to take all action necessary to carry out this vote.

Votes in the affirmative, 166; votes in the negative, 4. A standing vote.

**VOTED:** That this meeting be officially adjourned.

Meeting dissolved at 10:20 P.M.

Attest: ARTHUR E. COLLINS,

Town Clerk, Sharon, Massachusetts

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## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 27, 1977

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of June 9, 1977, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at the High School Auditorium at 8 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Moderator George E. Donovan. The Town Clerk read the call and return of the Warrant.

**ARTICLE 1. VOTED:** That action with respect to the following budgets be indefinitely postponed:

- 0120—Selectmen
- 0142—Treasurer
- 0145—Town Clerk
- 0160—Elections and Registration
- 0210—Police
- 0220—Fire
- 0310—Health
- 1300—Interest

VOTED: That the Town appropriate by transferring from available funds the sum of \$10,230.00 for additional expenses of the Law Budget.

VOTED: That the Town appropriate by transferring from available funds the sum of \$12,500.00 for additional expenses of the Department of Public Works.

VOTED: That the Town appropriate by transferring from available funds the sum of \$28,598.00 for additional expenses of the Insurance Budget.

VOTED: That this meeting be officially adjourned.

Meeting dissolved at 8:17 P.M.

Attest: ARTHUR E. COLLINS,  
Sharon Town Clerk

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## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

April 5, 1977

Pursuant to the provision of the Warrant of February 10, 1977, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, qualified to vote in elections, met in the High School Gymnasium at 8 A.M., Tuesday, April 5, 1977. The meeting was called to order by the following Wardens of Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4: Joan M. Leary, Shirley S. Davenport, Lois Dowd and Lillian Shlafman. Katherine P. Neault, Warden, read the call and return of the Warrant. Ballot boxes were shown to be empty, registering zero, boxes locked and keys delivered to Russell Mann, Police Officer of the Day. The election officers were sworn.

At 8 P.M., the Polls were declared closed. Total votes: Precinct 1—758; Precinct 2 — 576; Precinct 3 — 644; Precinct 4 — 680; Total — 2658. The ballots were canvassed according to law by an electronic vote-counting machine, results transcribed on tally sheets and declaration made by Harold Jackson at 9:50 P.M. as follows:

Precinct Numbers:	1	2	3	4	Total
MODERATOR (1 year)					
*George E. Donovan	633	433	518	574	2158
Blanks	125	143	126	106	500
SELECTMAN (3 years)					
Robert F. Currie	340	275	276	322	1213
*Adolf W. Arnold	387	265	331	339	1322
Blanks	31	36	37	19	123
TREASURER (3 years)					
*Donald P. Farwell	608	409	469	543	2029
Blanks	150	167	175	137	629

Precinct Numbers:	1	2	3	4	Total
ASSESSOR (3 years)					
*Leon Wilfson	546	399	467	513	1925
Blanks	212	177	177	167	733
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 year, vote for two)					
*Carl M. Cobb	367	182	279	336	1164
Sandra K. Bornstein	327	243	280	255	1105
Karn K. Goober	158	159	185	186	688
*Christine K. Greeley	414	352	335	355	1456
Blanks	250	216	209	228	903
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (1 year)					
*Martin J. Badoian	387	287	313	373	1360
Fred J. Mogolesko	213	148	198	190	749
Blanks	158	141	133	117	549
PLANNING BOARD (5 years)					
*Peter O. Cleveland	493	309	398	401	1601
David Wluka	215	214	209	231	869
Blanks	50	53	37	48	188
PUBLIC LIBRARY (3 years, vote for two)					
*Malcolm R. Farquhar	452	248	339	406	1445
*S. Frances Berger	340	369	314	301	1324
Elizabeth F. Cilley	327	158	236	302	1023
Blanks	397	377	399	351	1524
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL (3 years)					
*James J. Leonard	512	276	393	475	1656
Eli Florence	178	242	195	160	775
Blanks	68	58	56	45	227
HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 years)					
*Thomas P. Watkins	574	375	455	519	1923
Blanks	184	201	189	161	735
QUESTION NO. 1					
"Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and seventy-six, entitled 'An Act providing that future members of the police force of the Town of Sharon shall be exempt from the civil service law,' be accepted?"					
*Yes	468	376	356	416	1616
No	212	152	239	209	812
Blanks	78	48	49	55	230
TOTALS	758	576	644	680	2658

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

\*Elected

Attest: ARTHUR E. COLLINS,  
Sharon Town Clerk



# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

April 11, 1977

The adjourned Town Meeting of April 5, 1977, was called to order by Moderator George E. Donovan. Town Clerk Arthur E. Collins read the notice of adjournment. Prayer of divine guidance was offered by the Reverend J. Richard Quinn.

VOTED: That the meeting adjourn at 11 P.M. or at the close of the Article then under discussion and to reconvene on Tuesday evening, April 12, 1977, at the High School Auditorium at 8:00 P.M.

At this point recognition was given by the Meeting to a resolution by the Board of Selectmen which highly commended Walter B. Roach, retiring Fire Chief, for his many years of dedicated service to the Town.

The Committee on Nominations for the Warrant Committee submitted the following names to fill the three year terms: Charles N. Bennett, 35 Brook Road; Doris R. Downey, 37 Edge Hill Road; Elizabeth McKinnon, 200 East Street; and Daniel Bubly, 142 Mansfield Street. For the one year unexpired term, Harold Gordon, 77 Maskwonicut Street.

ARTICLE 2. VOTED: The above listed persons, nominated to the Warrant Committee, were put to a vote singly and same declared elected.

At this point, the Mederator presented to the meeting the names of those to serve at the Committee on Nominations for the Warrant Committee for the 1978 Annual Town Meeting: Gordon W. Gladstone, 2 Bruce Avenue; Glenn H. Parsons, 42 Upland Road; Doris R. Downey, 37 Edge Hill Road; Sheldon S. Leppo, 9 Peacock Hill; and Matilda T. Cohen, 35D Hixson Farm Road.

ARTICLE 3. VOTED: That the reports of the various Town Officers, Boards and Committees be accepted.

ARTICLE 4. MOTION: That the Personnel Compensation By-Law be amended as set forth in the sheets distributed at this meeting, except for the following changes in the Pay Schedules of Title VIII:

1. In Section 2.100, Administrative, Technical and Professional Category insert the following rates in place of those printed.

Code	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
ATP12					435.70
ATP-3					281.40
ATP-5					371.36
ATP-6					310.40
ATP-6A				279.38	300.45
ATP-7	219.35	234.36	250.69	268.31	288.54

Code	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
ATP-7A	204.98	219.35	235.12	252.63	272.86
ATP-8	195.83	209.55	223.91	238.93	254.59
ATP-8A	180.60	191.89	203.18	214.46	225.75
ATP-9	164.50	175.61	188.00	201.08	215.42

2. In Section 2.500 for Dog Officer and Assisant insert the rate of \$20 in place of \$22.50.

3. In Section 2.500 for Animal Inspector insert the rate of \$700 in place of \$750., not carried. Votes in the affirmative, 182; votes in the negative, 226. A standing vote.

**MOVED:** That the Personnel Compensation By-Law be amended as follows:

1. By striking out all Classification Schedules and Pay Schedules of Title VIII and substituting as new Classification Schedules and new Pay Schedules as of July 1, 1977, and other effective dates where applicable, the Schedules distributed at this meeting, with the exception of the explanatory material appearing in brackets.

#### **JOB TITLE IDENTIFICATION — 1977 - 1978**

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ATP-1	Executive Secretary
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ATP-2	Superintendent of Public Works
ATP-2A	Fire Chief
ATP-3	Town Accountant
ATP-4	
ATP-5	Recreation Director
ATP-6	Supervisor, Highway Division
ATP-6	Supervisor, Water Division
ATP-6A	Library Director
ATP-6A	Administrative Assistant
ATP-7	Program Director - Recreation
ATP-7	Building Inspector
ATP-7A	Senior Engineering Aide
ATP-8	Public Health Nurse
ATP-8A	Recreation Supervisor
ATP-8	Engineering Aide
ATP-9	Children's Librarian
ATP-9	Circulation Librarian
ATP-9	Reference - Young People's Librarian

## **TITLE VIII**

### **Schedules:**

Section 1.000 Classification Schedules effective July 1, 1977.

Section 2.000 Pay Schedules effective July 1, 1977.

The amount of pay shown in the following schedules reflects the base compensation for the particular specified position.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY**

### **Section 1.100**

#### **Classification Schedule**

### **Section 2.100**

#### **Pay Schedule — Weekly**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>
ATP-1					558.00
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ATP-6					313.95
ATP-6A				282.58	303.88
ATP-7	221.85	237.04	253.55	271.37	291.84
ATP-7A	207.32	221.85	237.80	255.52	275.98
ATP-8	198.06	211.94	226.47	241.66	257.50
ATP-8A	182.66	194.08	205.50	216.91	228.33
ATP-9	166.38	177.62	190.15	203.37	217.88

A part-time position shall be paid pro rata in the same proportion to full pay as its weekly hours are to the normal work week of the department.

\*The pay of the Police Chief and Police Lieutenant including all overtime pay shall be limited to the state rate excluding all incentive pay and vacation compensation.

\*\*The pay of the Fire Chief including all overtime pay shall be limited to \$423.00.

## **INDUSTRIAL TRADES AND SERVICES CATEGORY**

### **Section 1.200**

#### **Classification Schedule**

### **Section 2.200**

#### **Pay Schedule — Hourly**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>
Working Foreman	ITS 3	5.89	6.06	6.21	6.39
Master Mechanic	ITS-4	5.66	5.80	5.92	6.05
Tree Climber	ITS-4				



Title	Code	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
Special Heavy Equip. Oper.	ITS-5	5.19	5.39	5.55	5.70
Water Systems Technician	ITS-5				
Automobile Equip. Oper.	ITS-6	5.05	5.17	5.31	5.43
Skilled Laborer	ITS-6				
Labor Group II	ITS-7	4.69	4.82	4.95	5.08
Labor Group III	ITS-8	4.49	4.60	4.71	4.82
Auxiliary Labor	TS-9	4.24	4.34	4.42	4.51
Assistant Dump Operator	ITS-9A	4.07	4.16	4.28	4.36

### OFFICE OCCUPATION CATEGORY

#### Section 1.300

#### Classification Schedule

#### Pay Schedule — Hourly

Code	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
00-2	3.96	4.26	4.58	4.90	5.26
00-3	3.66	3.94	4.22	4.52	4.84
00-4	3.44	3.70	3.96	4.24	4.56
00-5	3.08	3.30	3.54	3.80	4.06

A part-time position shall be paid pro rata in the same proportion to full pay as its weekly hours are to the normal work week of the department.

The following rates for Police Sergeant and Patrolman are in effect through June 30, 1977. A contract with the Sharon Police Association for 1977-78 fiscal year has not been reached at publication date. These rates are subject to change at Town Meeting.

### PUBLIC SAFETY CATEGORY

(For full time employment, except PD-20 and PD-20A)

#### Section 1.400

#### Section 2.400

#### Classification Schedule

#### Pay Schedule (Weekly except as noted)

Title	Code	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Police Sergeant	PD-80					301.61
Patrolman	PD-60	PD-60A	PD-60B	PD-60C	PD-60D	
		1st yr.	2nd yr.	3rd yr.	Max.	
		212.10	226.38	241.30	259.14	
Sr. School Crossing Traffic Supervisor (Daily)	PD-20A					15.75
School Crossing Traffic Supervisor	PD-20	11.15		12.26		13.38
Matron (1st Hr.)	PD-10					6.37
2nd and succeeding hr.— 2-hr. minimum)						4.25

Officers working on the second and third shifts shall receive 3% pay differential increases.

The members of the Police Department while designated by the Chief of Police shall receive additional compensation as follows, to be considered part of their base pay:

Detective Sergeant and Police Prosecutor	\$23.08 per week
Detective Patrolman	11.54 per week
Other Sergeants	11.54 per week

Pay for non-regular police officers (appointed special or auxiliary police officers) when assigned by the Chief of Police to a paid detail shall be at an hourly rate equivalent to the lowest rate for patrolman.

The amounts of pay shown in the above schedules do not include the extra pay for educational qualifications provided for in the statutes and regulations of the state.

All regulations and compensation are established by a contractual agreement between the Town of Sharon and the Sharon Police Association for PD-80, PD-60A, PD-60B, PD-60C and PD-60D.

#### Section 1.410

##### Classification Schedule

#### Section 2.410

##### Pay Schedule — Weekly

Title	Code	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Fire Lieutenant	FD-80					310.35
Fire Fighter	FD-60	FD-60A	FD-60B	FD-60C	FD-60D	
		1st yr.	2nd yr.	3rd yr.	4th yr.	
		222.47	235.73	248.27	265.15	

Members of the Fire Department in the above Classifications who become certified, are certified, or are recertified as Emergency Medical Technicians will receive an additional amount of \$100.00 in each fiscal year so certified or recertified.

The rate of pay for call fire fighters when responding to an alarm of fire, other incidents of an emergency nature, shall be \$6.00 per man hour for a minimum of two hours. Should a recall(s) occur within the minimum time of two hours compensated at \$6.00 per hour, the total compensation will be based on the time elapsed from initial report to duty to the time of final release from duty.

The Town will reimburse members of the call fire fighting department the sum of \$10.00 per day per man for each day this member attends an accredited school for the purpose of furthering his knowledge of the fire service and its operations. Attendance at any such school shall have first been authorized in writing by the Chief of the Department.

The Town will reimburse any such member of the call fighting department the sum of 8c per road mile for expenses accrued in attending such school when the minimum distance travelled exceeds in road trip totals 10 miles.

The Town will provide all members of the call fire fighting department with Occupational, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance in the amount of \$10,000.00 per man.

The Town will pay each call fire fighter the amount of \$300.00 per year salary, if such member attends  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all calls for that year. If not, he will be paid for the fires he has attended and paid only the hourly rate.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1.500

Classification Schedule

Section 2.500

Pay Schedule

Title	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Veterans' Agent (weekly)					94.30
Library Page (hourly)					2.30
Library Aide (hourly)					2.30
Sealer Weights-Measures (yearly)					968.00
Dog Officer and Assistant (Daily - 7 Day Week)					22.50
Animal Inspector (yearly)					750.00
Custodial/Maintenance (hrly.)	3.35	3.61	3.77	3.98	4.25
Auxiliary Labor (hourly)					
Recreation Dept. (part time)				2.66	2.97
Bus Driver (weekly - 37½ hrs.)	140.00	150.00	160.00	170.00	180.00

### Recreation Department — Summer Employment Only

	Step 4	Step 5
Playground Supervisor (season—8 weeks @ 40 hrs. per week)	1200.00	1300.00
Playground Leader (weekly—8 weeks @ 35 hrs. per week)		90.00
Arts-Crafts Instructor (weekly—9 weeks @ 35 hrs. per week)		88.00
Tennis Instructor (weekly—9 weeks @ 35 hrs. per week)		88.00
Gymnastic Instructor (season—6 weeks @ 20 hrs. per week)	400.00	450.00
Waterfront Director (season—6 weeks @ 40 hrs. per week)	1350.00	1450.00
Water Safety Instructor (weekly—11 weeks @ 40 hrs. per week)	95.00	100.00
Head Life Guard (weekly—11 weeks @ 40 hrs. per week)	100.00	105.00
Senior Lifesaving Instructor (weekly—11 weeks @ 40 hrs. week)	90.00	95.00
Head Gate Guard (weekly—11 weeks @ 40 hrs. per week)		93.00
Gate Guard (weekly—11 weeks @ 40 hrs. pr week)		88.00
Sailing Supervisor (weekly—10 weeks @ 40 hrs. per week)		110.00
Sailing Instructor (weekly—10 weeks @ 40 hrs. per week)		90.00



2. Amend Title VII by inserting after Section 3.000 new sections 4.000, 4.100, 4.200, 4.300, 4.400, 4.500, and 4.600 as follows:

#### SECTION 4.000 Selection of Police Officers

When a vacancy exists in the Police Department the Chief shall notify the Board of Selectmen of such vacancy, at which time the Board of Selectmen shall advertise in a local newspaper inviting interested and qualified candidates to submit applications to the Board of Selectmen by a specified date.

#### SECTION 4.100 Qualification for Application

All applicants for the position of police officer shall be a minimum of 21 years of age and not more than 35 years of age. All male applicants shall be at minimum five feet, seven inches tall (5'7"). All female applicants shall be a minimum five feet, three inches (5'3") tall. All applicants must either be enrolled in an Associates Degree Program in Law Enforcement, have completed it or agree to do both upon appointment. All applicants, agreeably, as a part of the application, shall sign a release to the Police Selection Review Committee for the purposes of a complete background investigation.

#### SECTION 4.200 Police Selection Review Committee

At least seven (7) days before the final date for applications the Board of Selectmen shall cause to be assembled a Police Selection Review Committee to be comprised of the following members:

1. Chief of Police
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#### SECTION 4.300 Duty of Police Selection Review Committee

It shall be the duty of the Committee to review applications, administer a written exam, conduct preliminary oral interviews, and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen of the five (5) most qualified candidates to be considered for permanent appointment.

#### SECTION 4.400 Appointment

Within fourteen (14) days after the Police Selection Review Committee's report of recommendations, the Board of Selectmen shall hold final oral interviews with those recommended candidates. Based upon these interviews the Board of Selectmen shall indicate the person(s) out of the five who they

feel are the most qualified candidate(s). However, before final appointment is officially voted upon, candidate(s) must be administered the following four exams:

1. Physical Exam
2. Psychological Exam
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4. In-depth Background Investigation

Upon satisfactory performance in all four of these exams, the Board of Selectmen shall, within fourteen days of the results, vote on permanent appointment.

#### SECTION 4.500 Tenure

All police entrance appointments shall be considered probationary for the first three (3) years, after which they shall have life tenure with full protection of the State Labor Relations Commission.

#### SECTION 4.600

When a promotion is to be made in the Police Department, the Board of Selectmen shall establish the qualifications of those officers who shall be permitted to apply. The Board shall have a written test administered and conduct oral interviews giving proper and proportionate weight to the candidate's experience in the department and his or her performance on both the written examination and the oral interviews. Appointment to a promotion shall be contingent upon satisfactory completion of a physical examination provided at no cost to the candidate.

3. Amend Section 7.000 of Title V by adding the following paragraph to said Section 7.000:

"The Board shall institute, and may, from time to time, amend policies, procedures, and regulations as in its judgment are necessary for the recruitment and appointment of new employees subject to this By-Law. No new employee shall assume the duties of his or her job or position until the Board shall have approved the classification, code, work week, and pay scale proposed for such employee by his or her department head or appointing authority.

Previous question moved and carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 4. VOTED: That the Personnel Compensation By-Law be amended as follows:

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ATP-6A	Library Director
ATP-6A	Administrative Assistant
ATP-7	Program Director - Recreation
ATP-7	Building Inspector
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## TITLE VIII

### Schedules:

Section 1.000 Classification Schedules effective July 1, 1977

Section 2.000 Pay Schedules effective July 1, 1977

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## ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY

### Section 1.100

#### Classification Schedule

### Section 2.100

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Section 1.200

Classification Schedule

Section 2.200

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### OFFICE OCCUPATION CATEGORY

Section 1.300

Classification Schedule

Secton 2.300

Pay Schedule — Hourly

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(For full time employment, except PD-20 and PD-20A)

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Section 1.410  
Classification Schedule

Section 2.410  
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The Town will pay each call fire fighter the amount of \$300.00 per year salary. If such member attends  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all calls for that year. If not, he will be paid for the fires he has attended and paid only the hourly rate.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1.500  
Classification Schedule

Section 2.500  
Pay Schedule

Title	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Veterans Agent (weekly)					94.30
Library Page (hourly)					2.30



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Auxiliary Labor (hourly)					
Recreation Dept. (part time)				2.66	2.97
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Gate Guard (weekly—11 weeks @ 40 hrs. per week)		88.00
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2. Amend Title VII by inserting after Section 3.000 new sections 4.000, 4.100, 4.200, 4.300, 4.400, 4.500, and 4.600 as follows:

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2. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen
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#### **SECTION 4.300 Duty of Police Selection Review Committee**

It shall be the duty of the Committee to review applications, administer a written exam, conduct preliminary oral interviews, and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen of the five (5) most qualified candidates to be considered for permanent appointment.

#### **SECTION 4.400 Appointment**

Within fourteen (14) days after the Police Selectmen Review Committee's report of recommendations, the Board of Selectmen shall hold final oral interviews with those recommended candidates. Based upon these interviews the Board of Selectmen shall indicate the person(s) out of the five who they feel are the most qualified candidate(s). However, before final appointment is officially voted upon, candidate(s) must be administered the following four exams:

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Upon satisfactory performance in all four of these exams, the Board of Selectmen shall, within fourteen days of the results, vote on permanent appointment.

#### **SECTION 4.500 Tenure**

All police entrance appointments shall be considered probationary for the first three (3) years, after which they shall have life tenure with full protection of the State Labor Relations Commission.

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When a promotion is to be made in the Police Department, the Board of Selectmen shall establish the qualifications of those officers who shall be permitted to apply. The Board

shall have a written test administered and conduct oral interviews giving proper and proportionate weight to the candidate's experience in the department and his or her performance on both the written examination and the oral interviews. Appointment to a promotion shall be contingent upon satisfactory completion of a physical examination provided at no cost to the candidate.

3. Amend Section 7.000 of Title V by adding the following paragraph to said Section 7.000:

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Previous question moved and carried unanimously.

**ARTICLE 5. VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate for the various Town Officers and for defraying charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, the various sums segregated as stated, recommended by the Warrant Committee and printed in the copy of the Warrant for this Annual Town Meeting for Fiscal Year July 1, 1977, through June 30, 1978, except the following:

Board of Selectmen	Health
Town Accountant	Inspector of Animals
Treasurer-Collector	Department of Public Works
Board of Assessors	Veterans' Services
Town Clerk	Recreation
Engineering	Community Center
Elections, Registrations	Reserve Fund
Planning Board	Public Library
Police Department	School Committee
Building Inspector	High Street Building
Dog Officer	Parks
	Insurance

<b>VOTED:</b>	Moderator	60.00
	Warrant Committee	285.00
	Law	25,000.00
	Personnel Board	500.00
	Board of Appeals	2,190.00
	Conservation Commission	650.00
	Council on Aging	620.00
	Transportation Advisory Board	50.00
	Fire Department	292,932.00
	Sealer of Weights and Measures	1,128.00
	Civil Defense	3,780.00



Ambulance	14,735.00
Sacred Heart Building	24,240.00
Street Lighting	129,050.00
Community Celebrations	6,820.00
Development and Industrial Committee	2,025.00
Town Reports	6,250.00
Gasoline Fund	57,950.00
Veterans' Graves	425.00
Vocational Tuition	5,000.00
Regional Vocational Technical School	110,709.00
Norfolk County Retirement	183,741.00
Veterans' Pensions	6,400.00
Interest	125,375.00
Maturing Debt	350,000.00

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,201.00 for the Board of Selectmen of which \$1,300.00 shall be for the salaries of the Selectmen and the balance of \$46,901.00 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,069.00 for the Town Accountant, of which 14,857.00 shall be for the salary of the Town Accountant and the balance of \$16,212 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$99,244.00 for the Treasurer-Collector, of which \$21,000.00 shall be for the salary of the Treasurer-Collector, \$150.00 shall be for out-of-state travel, \$54,129.00 shall be for clerical wages, \$5,000.00 shall be for tax titles, and \$18,965.00 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,970.00 for the Board of Assessors, of which 6,200.00 shall be for the salaries of the Assessors and the balance of \$31,770.00 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

MOVED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,483.00 for the Town Clerk, of which \$9,765. shall be for the salary of the Town Clerk, \$75.00 shall be for out-of-state travel and the balance of \$20,643.00 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

MOTION TO AMEND by increasing the Clerk's salary to \$9,876.00 and the total appropriation to \$30,594.00 carried.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,594.00 for the Town Clerk, of which \$9,876.00 shall be for the salary of the Town Clerk, \$75.00 shall be for out-of-state travel, and the balance of \$20,643.00 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$67,521.00 for the Engineering Department, of which \$150.00 shall be for out-of-state travel, and the balance of \$67,371.00 shall be for salaries, wages and other expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,240.00 for Elections and Registrations and Town Meetings.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,908.00 for the Planning Board budget.

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$514,692.00 for the Police Department, and to meet this appropriation \$305,401.00 shall be raised on the tax levy, \$190,000.00 transferred from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds available and those to be received, and the balance of \$19,291.00 transferred from Antirecession Fiscal Assistant funds available.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of 26,315.00 for the Building Inspector budget.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,610.00 for the budget of the Dog Officer.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$97,914.00 for the Board of Health budget, of which \$29,840.00 shall be for garbage collection and the balance of \$68,074.00 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the budget of the Inspector of Animals.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$947,501.00 for the Department of Public Works, of which \$300.00 shall be for out-of-state travel and the balance of \$947,201.00 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,255.00 for the Veterans' Services budget.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,549.00 for the Community Center budget.

VOTED: That the Town transfer from the Overlay Reserve account the sum of \$100,000.00 for the Reserve Fund.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$126,299.00 for the Public Library budget.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$106,871.00 for the Recreation budget, of which \$300.00 shall be for out-of-state travel, \$10,150.00 shall be for programs for the elderly, and the balance of \$96,421.00 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

MOVED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,300.00 for the High Street Building budget.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,300.00 for the High Street Building budget.

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$320,000.00 for the Insurance budget.

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,350.00 for the Parks budget.

**VOTED:** That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,141,-057.00 for the School Committee budget of which \$2,100.00 shall be for out-of-state travel and the balance of \$6,138,957.00 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

**ARTICLE 6. VOTED:** a. That the Town Clerk cast one ballot for the Trustees of the Dorchester and Surplus Revenue School Fund as follows: Donald P. Farwell and Dwight Colburn.

b. That the Town Clerk cast one ballot for the Trustees of the Edward H. Talbot Fund as follows: William B. Keating, Roger Dennett, and Frank A. Chase.

c. That the Town Clerk cast one ballot for the Trustees of the Sharon Friends School Fund as follows: Donald P. Farwell, James Dunn, Philip C. Carroll and Frederick T. Curley.

**ARTICLE 7. VOTED:** That the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1977, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

**ARTICLE 8. VOTED:** That action under Article 8 be indefinitely postponed, as the appropriation for the Reserve Fund has been made under Article 5.

**ARTICLE 9. VOTED:** That the funds to be received in Fiscal Year July 1, 1977, through June 30, 1978, from State Aid to Public Libraries be transferred to the Public Library Account.

**MOTION:** To reconsider action taken under the School Committee budget not carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 P.M., April 11, 1977, to reconvene at the High School Auditorium on Tuesday, April 12, 1977, at 8:00 P.M.

## **TOWN OF SHARON**

## **NOTICE TO VOTERS**

The Annual Town Meeting of April 11, 1977, was adjourned at 11:10 P.M. to reconvene at the High School Auditorium on Pond Street on Tuesday, April 12, 1977, at 8 P.M., then and there to act on all unfinished business in the Annual Town Warrant of 1977.

Attest: ARTHUR E. COLLINS, Town Clerk,  
Sharon, Massachusetts



April 12, 1977

This is to certify that I have posted a copy of the within notice in accordance with Town By-Laws.

....., Constable  
Sharon, Massachusetts

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## ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

April 12, 1977

The meeting began with a moment of silence in respect to the memory of the late Dr. Walter A. Griffin who served the town so well.

ARTICLE 10. VOTED: That action under Article 10 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for a transfer of funds for replacement of lost books.)

ARTICLE 11. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000.00 for expenditure in conjunction with and in addition to any funds allotted or to be allotted by the state or county, or both, for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of town roads, and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into contracts and agreements with the state or county, or both, for the expenditure of appropriated town funds in conjunction with any funds allotted or to be allotted by the state or county, or both, for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of town roads.

ARTICLE 12. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$13,200.00 to continue the Adult Education Program, and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$2,533.00 be transferred from Antirecession Fiscal Assistance funds available and the balance of \$10,667.00 be raised on the tax levy.

ARTICLE 13. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 for the purchase of new or replacement equipment for the Department of Public Works and authorize the trade-in or sale of any equipment being replaced and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$80,000.00 be transferred from the overlay reserve.

ARTICLE 14. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$175,000.00 for the construction of 12 inch water mains in the following locations:

1. Wolomolopoag Street — from Chase Drive easterly to the existing main in the railroad overpass bridge;
2. South Main Street and Pond Street — in South Main Street from Depot Street to Station Street and in Pond Street from Billings Street to Tolman Street;

3. Norwood Street and Maskwonicut Street — in Norwood Street from Everett Street to Maskwonicut Street and in Maskwonicut Street to Richards Avenue;
4. Sheila Road — from the end of Bishop Road to Deerfield Road.

and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow the sum of \$175,000.00 under the provision of Chapter 44, Section 8, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 15. VOTED: That action under Article 15 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for highway drainage and construction.)

ARTICLE 16. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$16,000.00 to construct bituminous concrete sidewalks as follows:

1. About 1200 feet on the northerly side of Wilshire Drive opposite the East Elementary School;
2. On the northerly side of Beach Street from Gunhouse Street to the parking lot at the rotary near Pond Street;

and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$16,000.00 be transferred from the Overlay Reserve.

VOTED: That action taken under Article 15 be reconsidered.

VOTED: To relocate Beach Street as shown on the sketch on Page 15 of the Warrant and that in order to meet the cost of this, \$20,000.00 be appropriated.

VOTED: To reconsider Action taken under Article 16.

ARTICLE 16. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$16,000.00 to construct bituminous concrete sidewalks as follows:

1. About 1200 feet on the northerly side of Wilshire Drive opposite the East Elementary School;
2. On the northerly side of Beach Street from Gunhouse Street to Pond Street including that relocated portion of Beach Street;

and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$16,000.00 be transferred from the Overlay Reserve.

ARTICLE 17. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 to microfilm certain records of the office of the Town Clerk and Town Accountant.

ARTICLE 18. VOTED: That action under Article 18 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for the acquisition of land by the Conservation Committee.)

ARTICLE 19. VOTED: That action under Article 19 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for renovation of the Sacred Heart Building.)

ARTICLE 20. VOTED: That action under Article 20 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for the construction of a maintenance building for the Public Water Department.)

ARTICLE 21.VOTED: That action under Article 21 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for the construction of a storage shelter for the Department of Public Works.)

ARTICLE 22. MOVED TO INDEFINITELY postponed action under Article 22.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

MOTION: That action under Article 22 be indefinitely postponed, not carried.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$126,000.00 for construction of recreational facilities on the town owned property known as Deborah Sampson Park, formerly the Sacred Heart School property, and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$63,000.00 be raised on the tax levy and the balance of \$63,000.00 be transferred from available funds; and that the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, are authorized to apply for, contract for, or expend any grants of financial assistance or reimbursement for said construction which may be available from either or both federal and state departments or agencies.

VOTED: That the Town Meeting adjourn at 11 P.M. on upon completion of the Article then under consideration and reconvene on Tuesday, April 19, 1977, at the High School Auditorium at 8 P.M. then and there to act on all unfinished business of the Annual Town Meeting.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER action taken under Article 22 not carried.

ARTICLE 23. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 to purchase a new vehicle with a two-way radio for the Chief of the Fire Department and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$3,613.00 be transferred from the Overlay Reserve and the balance of \$4,387.00 be transferred from available funds.

ARTICLE 24. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,600.00 to purchase a power rescue tool and power unit for the Fire Department, and to meet this appropriation the sum of \$5,600.00 be transferred from available funds.

ARTICLE 25. VOTED: That action under Article 25 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for the purchase of a parcel of land at 94 South Main Street.)

ARTICLE 26. VOTED: That action under Article 26 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for the appropriation of funds for S.O.S.)



**ARTICLE 27. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Town vote to authorize the Sharon Public Library Addition Committee, in addition to its present authority, to consider a new library on a site already owned by the Town, and to expend all, or a portion of, the funds already appropriated to contract for architectural services to prepare plans and specifications for such new library or addition to the present library.

**ARTICLE 28. MOTION:** That the Town accept Section 42-A of Chapter 48 of the General Laws, not carried.

**ARTICLE 29. VOTED:** That action under Article 29 be indefinitely postponed. Votes in the affirmative 148; votes in the negative 104. A standing vote.

**MOTION** that action taken under Article 29 be reconsidered not carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 P.M., April 12, 1977, to reconvene at the High School Auditorium on Tuesday, April 19, 1977, at 8:00 P.M.

**TOWN OF SHARON**

**NOTICE TO VOTERS**

The Annual Town Meeting of April 12, 1977, was adjourned at 11:08 P.M. to reconvene at the High School Auditorium on Tuesday, April 19, 1977, at 8:00 P.M., then and there to act on all unfinished business of the Annual Town Meeting.

Attest: **ARTHUR E. COLLINS**, Town Clerk,  
Sharon, Massachusetts

April 13, 1977

This is to certify that I have posted the written notice in accordance within Town By-Law.

**ALBERT R. HORAN**, Constable,  
Sharon, Massachusetts

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## **ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**April 19, 1977**

**VOTED:** That the Town adopt the following resolution:

**Resolved:** That it is the sense of this town meeting that for all town employees tenure should neither be withheld nor withdrawn for lack of membership in, nor for failure to pay a service fee to, an employee organization.

**ARTICLE 30. MOVED:** That the Town designate the following listed streets as scenic roads in accordance with the provisions of Section 15-C of Chapter 40 of the General Laws: Bay Road, Bullard Street, Deb-

orah Sampson Street, East Foxboro Street, Everett Street, Gunhouse Street, Mann's Hill Road, Maskwonicut Street, Mohawk Street, Moose Hill Parkway, Mountain Street, Pine Grove Avenue, Richards Avenue, Upland Road, Wolomolopoag Street, Billings Street, Canton Street, East Street, Edge Hill Road, Furnace Street, Lakeview Street, Mansfield Street, Massapoag Avenue, Mont Fern Avenue, Moose Hill Street, Old Post Road, Pine Street, South Walpole Street, Walpole Street, except sections of the above named streets which may be specifically exempted by statute.

**MOTION TO AMEND** by adding Cedar Street to the list of streets.

**PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED AND CARRIED**, a standing vote. Votes in the affirmative 100; votes in the negative 6.

**VOTED:** That the Town designate the following listed streets as scenic roads in accordance with the provision of Section 15-C of Chapter 40 of the General Laws: Bay Road, Bullard Street, Deborah Sampson Street, East Foxboro Street, Everett Street, Gunhouse Street, Mann's Hill Road, Maskwonicut Street, Mohawk Street, Moose Hill Parkway, Mountain Street, Pine Grove Avenue, Richards Avenue, Upland Road, Wolomolopoag Street, Billings Street, Canton Street, East Street, Edge Hill Road, Furnace Street, Lakeview Street, Mansfield Street, Massapoag Avenue, Mont Fern Avenue, Moose Hill Street, Old Post Road, Pine Street, South Walpole Street, Walpole Street, except sections of the above name streets which may be specifically exempted by statute.

**VOTED:** That Cedar Street be added to the list of streets in Article 30.

**ARTICLE 31. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Town adopt the following amendment to the Southeastern Regional School District Agreement:

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT  
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 510 of the Acts of 1970, the Agreement entered into by and among the towns of East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton, and West Bridgewater, and the City of Brockton, Massachusetts, pursuant to which the Southeastern Regional School District was established and now operates is hereby amended by:

1. Striking out **SECTION I, Paragraph (C), Elected Members: —** and substituting therefor the following:

**(C) Elected Members**

At the biennial city election in 1977, the City of Brockton shall elect one member to serve on the Committee for a term of four (4) years and one member to serve on the Committee for a term of two (2) years, and at every biennial city election commencing with the biennial election in 1979, the City of

Brockton shall elect one of its two members to serve on the Committee for a term of four (4) years. At the annual town elections in 1966 each of the following towns which are members of the District shall elect members to serve on the Committee as follows: The towns of East Bridgewater, Easton and Foxborough shall each elect one member for a term of one year; the towns of Mansfield, Norton and Sharon shall each elect one member for a term of two years; and the towns of Stoughton and West Bridgewater shall elect one member for a term of three years; and thereafter, in every year in which the term of office of an elected member expires, the member town involved shall, at its annual town election, elect one member to serve for a term of three years.

2. Striking out SECTION I, Paragraph (E) **Organization and Commencement of Terms of Office:** — and substituting therefor the following:

(E) **Organization and Commencement of Terms of Office**

The term of office of any member from a member town shall begin on the date of the first regular School Committee Meeting following the last regular town election and the term of office of any member from the City of Brockton shall begin on the date of the first regular School Committee Meeting in January following his or her election. Promptly upon the appointment and qualification of the members of the Interim Committee and thereafter on the date of the first regular school committee meeting following the last regular member town election, the Committee shall organize and choose by ballot a chairman from among its own membership. At the same meeting or at any other meeting, the Committee shall appoint a treasurer and a secretary, who may be the same person but who need not be members of the Committee, choose such other officers as it deems advisable, determine the terms of office of its officers (except the chairman, who shall be elected annually as provided above) and prescribe the powers and duties of any of its officers, fix the time and place for its regular meetings and provide for the calling of special meetings.

**ARTICLE 32. VOTED:** That action under Article 32 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for the transfer of a parcel of land on Beaver Brook to the Brookline Savings Bank.)

**ARTICLE 33. VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws, Section 1, Establishment of Districts as follows:

1. Delete existing Section 1, (9) and insert in place thereof the following:

(9) **Flood Hazard Districts**

Flood Hazard Districts are defined as all areas so designated on FIA Flood Hazard Boundary Maps Nos. H-01



through H-12 dated October 18, 1974, and revised November 19, 1976.

A standing vote, affirmative 150; negative 1.

**ARTICLE 34. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Town amend Section 7, Non-Conforming Uses of Buildings, Structures, and Land, of the Zoning By-Laws as follows:

1. Amend Section 7 (d) by removing the period at the end of the existing section and adding the following: "except in the case of a single or two-family residential structure when the extent of the non-conformity is either lot area or lot width or both, in which case an increase in floor area is allowable provided that setback regulations are met."

**ARTICLE 35. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Town amend Section 1 of the Zoning By-Laws by striking out the date "April 7, 1975" and substituting therefor the date "April 5, 1977" as the date of a map showing the boundaries of the districts, including the changes in the existing districts voted at this meeting.

**ARTICLE 36. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Town amend Section 2 of Article 1, Annual Meetings, of the Town By-Laws as follows:

1. By striking out from the first sentence of Section 2 the words ", and at least seven days before" and inserting in place thereof the word "or."

**ARTICLE 37. VOTED:** That the Town adopt the following resolution:

Resolution: Be it hereby resolved that this Town Meeting accepts in principle the report of the Lake Management Committee entitled "Lake Massapoag — Can We Preserve It?" dated February, 1977.

Said report provides the basic strategy in the ten listed recommendations aimed at the preservation of this valuable resource.

The Town expresses its positive sentiment for the preservation of Lake Massapoag without committing the Town to each individual recommendation in the report.

**VOTED:** That Articles 38, 39 and 40 be considered together and discussed jointly.

**ARTICLE 38. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Town accept and adopt as a public way that portion of Beaver Brook Road northeasterly from that section accepted at the 1969 Annual Meeting at Station 6+98.65 a distance of 490 feet, more or less, to the terminus as laid out by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 39. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town accept and adopt as a public way Pheasant Wood Road easterly from Beaver Brook Road a distance of 1115 feet, more or less, as laid out by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 40. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town accept and adopt as a public way Huckleberry Lane southerly from Pheasant Wood Road a distance of 466 feet, more or less, to the terminus as laid out by the Selectmen.

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$51,400.00 to complete the construction of the portions of Beaver Brook Road and Pheasant Wood Road and all of Huckleberry Lane as described respectively in Articles 38, 39 and 40, and to meet this appropriation the sum of \$51,400.00 be transferred from available funds designated as Beaver Brook Bond Account (1576.001).

ARTICLE 41. MOVED TO INDEFINITELY postpone action under Article 41.

PREVIOUS QUESTION MOVED and carried unanimously.

VOTED: That action under Article 41 be indefinitely postponed. (This Article called for the adoption of Bishop Road or a portion thereof as a public way.)

ARTICLE 42. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town accept and adopt as a public way that portion of Bishop Road northwesterly from that section accepted at the 1974 Annual Town Meeting, at Station 16+0 a distance of 1250 feet to Station 3+50, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$450.00 for legal expenses and recording fees.

ARTICLE 43. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town accept and adopt as a public way Sherwood Circle, southerly and easterly from Mountain Street, a distance of 917.83 feet to the terminus, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for legal expenses and recording fees.

ARTICLE 44. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town accept and adopt as a public way that portion of Rhodes Avenue northwesterly from that section accepted at the 1954 Tnnual Town Meeting, a distance of 465 feet, more or less, to the terminus as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for legal expenses and recording fees.

ARTICLE 45. VOTED:

1. That the Town amnd the composition of the membership of the Capital Outlay Committee as established by the 1969 Annual Town Meeting as follows:

- a. Delete the words "two members of the Warrant Committee" and insert in place thereof the words "one member of the Warrant Committee and one designee of the Warrant Committee."
  - b. Delete the words "two members of the Planning Board" and insert in place thereof the words "one members of the Planning Board and one designee of the Planning Board."
  - c. Delete the words "nine persons composed of" and insert in place thereof the words "ten persons composed of the Town Treasurer,";
2. That the Town appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to survey the space needs of the Town and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$10,000.00 be transferred from available funds; and that the Capital Outlay Committee be authorized to expend said appropriation to engage professional services and for other expenses.

ARTICLE 46. VOTED: That the Town amend Aritcle 1, Annual Meetings, of the Town By-Laws in the following respect:

- a. By striking out the existing Section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Section 1. The annual meeting for the election of town officers shall be held on the first Monday in April, unless the Board of Selectmen, before February 1 in any year, shall have designated a later date, but not later than the second Monday in April, for such election in that year."

Prior to the adjournment of the meeting, the Moderator expressed special thanks to the Special Police, pages, firemen, and Mr. A. Clinton Kellogg for their able assistance in the business of the meeting.

VOTED: That this Annual Town Meeting be officially dssolved at 9:58 P.M., April 19, 1977.

A True Copy.

Attest: ARTHUR E. COLLINS, Town Clerk,  
Sharon, Massachusetts



# SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS, TOWN MEETING

April 5, 1977

## RECAPITULATION

Article	Bond Acct.*	Approp.	Free Cash (E. & D.)	Overlay Res.	Rev. Sharing	Antirecession	Borrowing
5		9,894,084.00		100,000.00	190,000.00	19,291.00	
11 Improvement Town Roads		13,000.00					
12 Adult Education		10,667.00				2,533.00	
13 Highway Equipment				80,000.00			175,000.00
14 Water Main Construction							
15 Beach Street Relocation		20,000.00					
16 Sidewalk Construction				16,000.00			
17 Microfilm Clerk's Records		600.00					
22 Recreational Facilities		63,000.00	63,000.00				
23 Fire Chief's Car			4,387.00	3,613.00	5,600.00		
24 Power Rescue Tool			5,600.00				
38 Beaver Brook Road							
39 Pheasant Wood Road	51,400.00*						
40 Huckleberry Lane							
42 Bishop Road		450.00					
43 Sherwood Circle		400.00					
44 Rhodes Avenue		400.00					
45 Capital Outlay Committee			10,000.00				
TOTAL	51,400.00*	10,002,601.00	82,987.00	199,613.00	190,000.00	21,824.00	175,000.00

\*Not to be raised, money available in Bond Forfeiture Account.

# ACCOUNTANT

ARTHUR E. COLLINS, TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Katherine P. Neault, Assistant Town Accountant

Joan M. Leary, Secretary

Lois D. Dowd, Secretary

A report of receipts and expenditures for the twelve month period ending June 30, 1977, with the statement of the Town's outstanding indebtedness.

## GENERAL REVENUE

(July 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977)

### TAXES

Motor Vehicles	667,568.62
Personal Property	253,597.60
Real Estate	6,810,063.81
Farm Excise	75.12
Tax Title	121,395.47

### TOTAL TAXES

7,852,700.62

### STATE

Income Taxes, Business Taxes, Machinery, Lottery, etc.	945,819.76
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### FEDERAL — REVENUE SHARING

180,174.00

### LICENSES

Hawkers	158.00
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### EDUCATION

*School Construction	102,536.36
*School Lunch (State 75,404.93)	228,834.14
Athletic	4,582.76
*Metco	143,005.00
*Project Look	2,850.00
*Low Family ESEA	32,160.00
*School Occupational	787.50
*Transportation	116,945.00
*Adult Education	3,621.50
*Adult Basic Education	1,595.52
Driver Education	14,001.00
Summer School	7,981.00
Vocational Tuitions	401.00
School Rental	4,234.77
Other	9,144.52
*National Defense	1,866.07
*ESEA Title II	5,118.04

### TOTAL EDUCATION

679,664.78

\*State Aid

**LIBRARY**

Fines	3,355.65
Lost Books	375.16
State Aid	4,637.63
County Dog Licenses	1,772.42

**TOTAL LIBRARY**

10,140.86

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Selectmen	80.00
Treasurer	7,312.03
Town Clerk	1,456.25
Board of Appeals	4,735.90
Planning Board	5,832.42
Police	4,833.72
Fire	330.00
Ambulance	4,869.00
Engineering	532.75
Conservation	75.00
Sealer of Weights	106.90
Building Inspector	20,482.56
Rental of Sacred Heart	9,665.00
Recycle	1,658.64
Sale of Glass	387.15
Health	22,795.77

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Road Machinery	49.05
Street Betterments	16.06
*Chapter 90 State Aid	99,119.96
*Chapter 90 County Aid	21,189.09
*State Aid to Highways	610.40

**WELFARE**

*Veterans Reimbursements	2,268.52
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**RECREATION**

32,929.25

**BICENTENNIAL BOOKS**

8,699.40

**PUBLIC WATER SERVICE**

Water Rates	281,197.93
Betterments	908.60
Liens	28,178.63
Other	9,195.25

\*State Aid



**INTEREST**

On Deposit	27,085.71
Deferred Taxes	22,726.87
Betterments	374.34
Griffith Fund	11.01
School Funds	826.53
Library Funds	543.03
Cemetery Funds	2,105.26
Tax Title	2,616.75
Interest on Premiums	902.74

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**TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

626,743.47

**REVENUE INVESTMENT, TRANSFERS, AND  
BORROWINGS**

Temporary Borrowing	836,000.00
Water Systems Improvement	293,157.00

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**TOTAL REVENUE INVESTMENT TRANSFERS,  
AND BORROWINGS**

1,129,157.00

**AGENCY & TRUST**

State Taxes Withheld	288,088.64
County (Retirement)	97,889.88
Federal Taxes Withheld	939,100.74
Blue Cross	180,259.21
Group Insurance	4,146.03
Teachers Insurance	17,879.75
Mass. Teachers Retirement	182,780.93
Teachers Annuities	124,636.39
Teachers Association	21,311.70
Mass. Teachers Credit Union	10,652.50
Custodial Dues	1,734.00
Police Union	594.00
Optional Insurance	4,996.50
Dog and Game	9,853.18
Sale of Dogs	69.00
D.P.W. Dues	2,433.00
Cafeteria Dues	1,286.25
Police Surcharge	2,032.16
Police Off Duty	31,017.43
School Off Duty	5,611.01

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**TOTAL AGENCY & TRUST**

1,926,372.30

**REFUNDS**

General Departments	7,927.28
School	2,644.50

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**TOTAL REFUNDS**

10,571.78

\*State Aid

## EXPENDITURES

(July 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977)

TOWN MODERATOR — Salary	60.00	60.00
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### SELECTMEN

Selectmen — Salaries and Wages	38,021.99
Selectmen — Salaries	1,300.00
Longevity	250.00
Advertising	203.46
Car Allowance	750.00
Travel in State	440.93
Dues and Subscriptions	554.00
Telephone	642.59
Printing	296.23
Equipment Maintenance	29.10
N.C.R. Service	1,568.76
Law	209.50
Supplies	884.71

TOTAL SELECTMEN		45,151.27
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### ACCOUNTANT

Salaries and Wages	27,671.29
Longevity	300.00
Earned Time	721.68
Meetings	150.00
Dues and Subscriptions	22.00
Equipment Maintenance	135.00
Supplies	252.03

TOTAL ACCOUNTANT		29,252.00
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### TREASURER

Treasurer's Salary	19,189.00
Clerical	53,235.31
Longevity	700.00
Earned Time	500.00
Travel in State	341.85
Travel out State	150.00
Dues and Subscriptions	65.00
Postage	6,500.00
Telephone	1,524.56
Printing	4,909.11
Equipment Maintenance	924.20

Legal Services	40.00	
Certifying Notes	395.00	
Supplies	705.28	
Bonds	1,175.00	
Tax Titles	2,000.00	
Additional Equipment	600.00	
Miscellaneous	125.00	
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<b>TOTAL TREASURER</b>		<b>93,079.31</b>
<b>ASSESSORS</b>		
Salaries and Wages	6,041.67	
Clerical	21,475.28	
Longevity	300.00	
Travel in State	858.68	
Dues and Subscriptions	136.00	
Postage	302.99	
Telephone	470.46	
Printing and Binding	209.00	
Equipment Maintenance	144.71	
Contracted Services	45.50	
Legal	1,217.50	
Maps Prints	114.76	
Abstracts	292.66	
Supplies	531.85	
Computer Service	2,800.00	
Additional Equipment	1,193.00	
Lien Recording Fee	58.50	
Valuation Book	2,180.50	
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<b>TOTAL ASSESSORS</b>		<b>38,373.06</b>
<b>WARRANT COMMITTEE</b>	<b>304.95</b>	<b>304.95</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>		
Town Clerk	9,300.00	
Clerical	18,365.41	
Longevity	150.00	
Advertising	323.62	
Travel in State	185.00	
Travel out State	75.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	45.00	
Postage	302.52	
Telephone	1,502.81	
Equipment Maintenance	228.00	
Contracted Services	27.50	
Supplies	327.14	
Bond	20.00	
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<b>TOTAL TOWN CLERK</b>		<b>30,852.00</b>



## LAW

Counsel	10,738.00
Special Counsel	16,795.06
Law Expenses	346.94

### TOTAL LAW

27,880.00

## ENGINEERING

Salaries and Wages	56,556.66
Longevity	200.00
Earned Time	768.29
Car Allowance	825.00
Travel in State	177.15
Dues and Subscriptions	239.00
Telephone	1,2151.07
Equipment Maintenance	307.70
Plans and Publications	194.35
Supplies	407.51
Draft and Surveying Supplies	969.84
New Equipment	453.15

### TOTAL ENGINEERING

62,349.72

## ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS

Salaries and Wages	22,118.04
Registrars	550.00
Advertising	71.25
Meetings	50.00
Postage	4,922.03
Printing	6,065.01
Equipment Contract	1,000.00
P.A. System	714.88
Supplies	1,115.18
New Equipment	80.10

### TOTAL ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS

36,686.49

## PLANNING BOARD

Clerical	1,459.99
Advertising	159.39
Travel — Meetings	49.50
Dues and Subscriptions	198.52
Postage	395.67
Printing	325.52
Legal Consultant	7,770.45
Supplies	110.21

### TOTAL PLANNING BOARD

10,469.25

**PERSONNEL BOARD**

Expenses	176.28	176.28
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**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Expenses	2,365.60	2,365.60
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**PUBLIC SAFETY****POLICE****ADMINISTRATION**

Salaries and Wages	475,576.18
Longevity	2,600.00
Earned Time	7,633.21
Car Allowance	916.67
Travel in State	579.11
Due sand Subscriptions	340.95
Telephone and Teletype	4,656.46
Cruiser, Boat Maintenance	7,010.60
Radio Maintenance	992.51
Uniforms	8,656.93
Supplies	2,214.32
Public Safety Supplies	5,605.82
Replacement Equipment	11,816.00

**TOTAL POLICE**


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528,598.76
**FIRE****ADMINISTRATION**

Salaries and Wages	261,971.62
Longevity	1,650.00
Earned Time	8,059.80
Advertising	6.37
Car Allowance	694.80
Travel in State	100.00
Travel out State	149.84
Dues and Subscriptions	176.50
Telephone	972.80
Apparatus Maintenance	1,574.84
Radio Maintenance	697.49
Laundry	152.38
Uniforms	2,267.01
Building Supplies	570.89
Office Supplies	65.50
Alarm Supplies	1,314.27
Food	293.21
Public Safety Supplies	259.11
Replacement Equipment	512.40
Additional Equipment	1,675.39

**TOTAL FIRE**


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283,164.22

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Salaries and Wages	14,714.36
Plumbing, Gas and Electric Inspections	8,225.00
Longevity	150.00
Car Allowance	850.00
Travel in State	100.94
Dues and Subscriptions	145.00
Services Publications	288.20
Postage and Supplies	275.08

**TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR**

24,748.58

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

Salary	968.00
Expenses	171.15

**TOTAL SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

1,139.15

**DOG OFFICER**

Salaries and Wages	7,320.00
Expenses	2,727.00
Replacement Equipment	5,000.00

**TOTAL DOG OFFICER**

15,047.00

**CIVIL DEFENSE**

Travel in State	343.51
Telephone	758.04
Communication Repair	1,589.70
Supplies	1,314.28
Additional Equipment	131.92

**TOTAL CIVIL DEFENSE**

4,137.45

**AMBULANCE**

Salaries and Wages	10,593.83
Expenses	1,258.48

**TOTAL AMBULANCE**

11,852.31

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Salaries and Wages	26,520.64
Longevity	200.00
Advertising	150.66
Travel in State	157.12
Dues and Subscriptions	249.08
Telephone	691.20
Printing and Postage	180.25
Equipment, Car Maintenance	212.92
Garbage Contract	29,840.00



Laboratory Services	2,650.00	
Supervision	1,400.00	
Special Services	31,885.45	
Medical Supplies	791.74	
Office Supplies	373.77	
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TOTAL HEALTH		95,302.83
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	950.00	950.00
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION		
Salaries and Wages	463,361.75	
Longevity	3,650.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	768.97	
Travel in State	925.98	
Travel out State	300.00	
Postage	887.23	
Telephone	5,699.25	
Printing Maps and Plans	638.10	
Equipment Rental and Maintenance	5,353.26	
Uniforms	7,284.61	
Office and Medical Supplies	847.16	
New Equipment	905.00	
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TOTAL ADMINISTRATION		490,621.31
WATER		
Electricity	43,623.73	
Purchased Water	759.11	
Equipment Telemeter Maintenance	7,871.04	
Equipment Rental	2,453.90	
Consult. Lab. Tests	14,925.04	
Water Chemicals	3,849.80	
Clothing, Boots, and Food	127.68	
Construction Materials and Tools	11,685.01	
Meter Parts	29,066.67	
Licenses	105.00	
Replacement	1,832.24	
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TOTAL WATER		116,299.22
FORESTRY		
Equipment Rental	8,054.50	
Material and Supplies	2,670.03	
Equipment Replacement	842.65	
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TOTAL FORESTRY		11,567.18

**INSECT CONTROL**

Spraying Contracts	5,056.70	
Chemicals	1,869.24	
<b>TOTAL INSECT CONTROL</b>		<b>6,925.94</b>

**DUTCH ELM**

Equipment Rental and Parts	3,581.72	
Spraying Chemicals	836.00	
<b>TOTAL DUTCHELM</b>		<b>4,417.72</b>

**DISPOSAL**

Disposal Rubbish Co.	21,988.00	
Materials, Supplies, Equipment Rental	1,170.01	
<b>TOTAL DISPOSAL</b>		<b>23,158.01</b>

**HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE**

Equipment Rental and Contract Services	4,483.25	
Materials and Supplies	12,801.86	
Bituminous Concrete, and Asphalt	52,924.41	
Equipment Replacement	1,794.05	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE</b>		<b>72,003.57</b>

**SNOW AND ICE**

Snow Equipment Rental	23,831.66	
Weather Service	650.00	
Materials and Supplies	2,989.55	
Salt and Sand	25,096.64	
Motor Vehicle, and Equipment Parts	11,282.18	
Replacement Equipment	5,640.30	
<b>TOTAL SNOW AND ICE</b>		<b>69,490.33</b>

**TRAFFIC CONTROL**

Traffic Control Signals	5,500.16	
Construction Materials	4,842.16	
<b>TOTAL TRAFFIC CONTROL</b>		<b>10,342.32</b>

**SIDEWALKS**

Construction Materials	668.07	
Bituminous Concrete	5,866.84	
<b>TOTAL SIDEWALKS</b>		<b>6,534.91</b>

**CEMETERIES**

Contract Services	1,250.00	
Materials and Supplies	100.00	
<b>TOTAL CEMETERIES</b>		<b>1,350.00</b>

**ROAD MACHINERY**

Motor Vehicle, Equip., Radio Maint.	4,897.85
Parts, Tires, Tools, Brooms	28,430.90
New Equipment	1,103.86

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<b>TOTAL ROAD MACHINERY</b>	<b>34,432.61</b>
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**TOWN BUILDINGS**

Electricity	9,095.44
Maintenance and Clock	6,671.23
Contractural Services	8,294.00
Materials and Supplies	3,907.61
Building Fuel	13,283.14
New and Replacement Equipment	4,859.65

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<b>TOTAL TOWN BUILDINGS</b>	<b>46,111.07</b>
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<b>TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>893,254.19</b>
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**PUBLIC WORKS SPECIAL ARTICLES**

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT 1975	3,907.55
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT 1976	73,508.22
MASSAPOAG AVENUE CONSTRUCTION	120,161.44
PRIVATE WAY BEACH ROAD	309.42
NORTH MAIN STREET	97,303.49
TOWN MAPPING	22,050.00
MALLARD DRIVE	325.00
FALCON ROAD	425.00
OSPREY ROAD	400.00
LANTERN LANE	225.00
GAINES ROAD	350.00
FISHER ROAD	300.00
CHERYL DRIVE	400.00
PRESCOTT ROAD	100.00

**STREET LIGHTS**

Boston Edison	113,553.60
Brockton Edison	533.30
Skating Rink, and Holiday Lights	398.27
Blinkers	1,552.67
New and Replacements	8,194.29

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<b>TOTAL STREET LIGHTS</b>	<b>124,223.13</b>
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**SACRED HEART BUILDING**

Labor	5,296.00
Telephone	172.49
Electricity	3,343.75
Building Maintenance	9,614.34
Materials and Supplies	752.22
Fuel	7,747.08

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<b>TOTAL SACRED HEART BUILDING</b>	<b>27,461.63</b>
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## HIGH STREET SCHOOL BUILDING

Labor	474.98
Electricity	923.03
Building Maintenance	1,351.78
Materials and Supplies	101.89
Fuel	3,999.00

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TOTAL HIGH STREET SCHOOL BUILDING	6,850.68
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## VETERANS

Salary	4,654.00
Expenses	434.79
Cash Benefits	10,143.48
Other Benefits	1,279.02

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TOTAL VETERANS	6,511.29
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## EDUCATION

PUBLIC SCHOOLS: (See School Report for Details)	5,696,661.62
VOCATIONAL TUITION	4,080.50
SCHOOL LUNCH	236,485.91
REGIONAL SCHOOL	157,864.00
ATHLETIC FUND	3,967.00
REPAIR TO EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	81,135.82
REPAIR TO HIGH SCHOOL ROOF	109,001.45
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE EXPENSES	1,995.57
SCHOOL BUILDING REPAIR COMMITTEE	37,600.00
LOW INCOME FAMILY	16,000.00
ADULT EDUCATION	15,992.95
SPECIAL EDUCATION (Chapter 766)	5,576.39
ADULT BASIC EDUCATION	1,502.50
E.S.E.A. TITLE II LIBRARY	3,014.34
PROJECT LOOK	3,081.63
SCHOOL OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION	11,602.18
TITLE IV LIBRARY	1,568.11
NATIONAL DEFENSE	3,795.88
METCO	120,123.88
SCHOOL INCOME ACCOUNT	1,720.00
TOTAL EDUCATION	6,512,769.73

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

### LIBRARY

Salaries and Wages	86,954.95
Travel in State	15.40
Dues and Subscriptions	154.00
Postage	201.66
Telephone	927.99
Electricity	2,676.09
Ground Maintenance	1,164.38

Equipment Rental	402.00
Books	24,497.29
Periodicals	1,564.09
Lost Books	457.04
Fuel	1,187.98
Supplies	2,250.63
Additional Equipment	657.97

**TOTAL LIBRARY**

123,111.47

**RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED**

**PARKS**

Salaries and Wages	32,479.76
Advertising	273.18
Telephone	329.35
Electricity	96.46
Equipment Maintenance	402.55
Building Maintenance	289.85
Equipment Rental	260.00
Toilet Rental	360.00
Tags and Stickers	1,195.50
Materials and Supplies	1,582.07
Medical Supplies	362.37
Recreational Supplies	758.48
Replacement Equipment	1,042.75
Additional Equipment	926.68

**TOTAL PARKS**

40,359.00

**RECREATION:**

Salaries and Wages	55,059.98
Longevity	300.00
Earned Time	833.55
Advertising	280.71
Car Allowance	602.00
Travel in State	211.00
Travel out State	300.00
Dues and Subscriptions	144.00
Postage	367.78
Telephone	1,879.71
Electricity	75.82
Printing	996.35
Equipment and Vehicle Maintenance	1,622.18
Bus Transportation	889.00
Special Events	1,204.74
Committee Expenses	117.00
Summer Program Supplies	2,010.89
Office Supplies	1,014.84
Materials and Supplies	6,545.45

**TOTAL RECREATION**

74,455.00

## SENIOR CITIZENS

Driver	7,866.00
Transportation	1,166.50
Special Events	741.60
Materials and Supplies	275.90

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TOTAL SENIOR CITIZENS	10,050.00
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## COMMUNITY CENTER

Salaries and Wages	21,598.70
Earned Time	204.25
Advertising	22.13
Electricity	2,053.42
Maintenance	2,225.37
Construction Material	438.89
Fuel	5,300.37
Janitorial Supplies	1,736.69
Additional Equipment	1,363.15

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TOTAL COMMUNITY CENTER	34,942.97
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## TOWN REPORT

Salaries and Wages	338.50
Printing, Layout and Delivery	5,729.34
Supplies	182.16

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TOTAL TOWN REPORT	6,250.00
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## COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

Memorial Day	816.90
July 4th	5,326.52

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TOTAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS	6,143.42
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SHARON AMERICAN REVOLUTION PROGRAM	8,344.84
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BICENTENNIAL COMM. STATE GRANT	521.00
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STATE GRANT OLD POST ROAD	1,312.50
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AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM	2,500.00
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## INSURANCE

Workmen's Compensation	39,735.27
Accident, Police, and Fire	2,674.73
Automobile	27,214.85
Comprehensive	58,683.64
Group Life	4,335.49
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	140,354.02

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TOTAL INSURANCE	272,998.00
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**GASOLINE**

Gas and Diesel	52,566.69
Oil and Lubricants Fuel	2,564.78
Taxes, Licenses, and Advertising	1,070.19
New Equipment	3,691.46

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**TOTAL GASOLINE** 59,893.12

**GROWTH STUDY PROGRAM COMMITTEE** 500.00

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL** 298.90

**CONSERVATION**

Conservation Commission	560.00
Conservation Land	1,000.00

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**TOTAL CONSERVATION** 1,560.00

**INDUSTRIAL & DEVELOPMENT COMM.** 1.53

**COUNCIL ON AGING** 437.72

**WATER**

North Main St. Water	80,647.98
Water Reducing Stations	2,633.63
Repairing Standpipes	22,035.30
Pumping Equipment	3,995.21
Pumping Station Repairs	4,435.16
East Foxboro St. Well	75,096.87

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**TOTAL WATER** 188,844.15

**VETERANS GRAVES** 350.00

**INTEREST** 129,348.55

**DEBT, MATURING & FEDERAL GRANT** 646,000.00

**AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENT**

Temporary Borrowing	2,166,000.00
State Audit System	13,724.09
Air Pollution	946.00
State Parks	49,900.95
M.B.T.A.	145,775.90
State Motor Vehicle Billing	1,710.60
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	1,963.16
County Tax	231,101.50
County Hospital	21,211.30

County Mosquito Control Project	14,159.62
Fish & Game	3,600.00
Dogs	4,663.35
Sale of Dogs	69.00
Federal Taxes	965,591.05
State Taxes	288,088.64
Employees Insurance	4,364.81
Employees Retirement	273,296.66
Teachers Insurance	11,764.78
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	147,664.72
Teachers Annuity	118,503.06
Teachers Dues	21,215.80
Custodians Dues	1,769.00
Cafeteria Dues	1,286.25
Massachusetts Teachers Retirement	190,838.04
Employees Optional Insurance	5,188.00
Highway Dues	2,433.00
Police Association Dues	594.00
Massachusetts Teachers Association	
Credit Union	12,113.00
Cemetery Funds	1,854.00
Library Funds	1,271.31

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**TOTAL AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENT**

**4,702,661.59**

**REFUNDS & TRANSFERS**

Personal Taxes	79.30
Real Estate Taxes	8,348.32
Motor Vehicle Excise	12,753.70
Water Rate	644.95
Accounts Receivable	44.00
Estimated Income	350.37

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**TOTAL REFUNDS & TRANSFERS**

**22,220.64**

# TOWN OF SHARON

## Balance of Accounts June 30, 1977

Cash	\$ 2,161,307.88	\$
Revenue Sharing Cash Account	105,229.04	
Revenue Sharing Public Law	84,770.96	
Anti Recession P.L. 94-369	21,824.00	
Taxes Personal 1973	168.40	
Taxes Personal 1974	63.80	
Taxes Personal 1975	205.00	
Taxes Personal 1976	691.07	
Taxes Personal 1977	1,166.10	
Taxes Real Estate	178,305.24	
Chapter 60, Section 95, Bankruptcy		
Claim N.Y., N.H., & L.I.R.R.	11,740.33	
Taxes Real Estate 1976 Deferred		
Chapter 41A	3,213.00	
Taxes Real Estate 1977 Deferred		
Chapter 41	2,771.60	
Taxes Real Estate 1975-1976 Reserve		
Chapter 41A		5,984.60
Taxes Reserved for Collect-ons		11,740.33
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1972	1.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1973	20,712.49	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1974	19,260.07	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1975	26,394.88	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1976	49,411.47	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1977	169,073.25	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Reserve		284,853.16
Tax Title	182,989.02	
Tax Possessions	10,665.53	
Tax Title Foreclosure Account		313.36
Tax Title Reserve		193,654.55
Water Rates	53,143.63	
Water Liens Added To Taxes	823.80	
Water Revenue		53,967.43
School Department Accounts Receivable	1,566.90	
Ambulance Accounts Receivable	12,200.52	
Police Work Detail Accounts Receivable	4,394.99	
Police Work Detail Sur Charge Accounts		
Receivable	119.07	
Departmental Revenue		18,281.48
Federal Aid Projects (Sacred Heart		
Properties)	26,518.58	
Aid To Federal Projects Revenue		26,518.58
Road Machinery Fund		3,562.90
Authorized Loans Unissued		1,097,600.00
Authorized Loans	1,097,600.00	
Premium On Loan		123.20
State Aid To Highways	22,400.84	



County Aid To Highways	9,202.90	
State And County Aid to Highways Revenue		23,355.91
Special Education (1972-766)		23,949.00
Air Pollution		40.19
State Parks		2,795.37
M.B.T.A.		256.10
County Tax		12,637.57
County Hospital	12,768.12	
Rhodes Avenue—Pleasant St. (Deposit)		2,000.00
Security Deposit T. L. Edwards Inc.		5,000.00
Norfolk County Retirement Veterans Services		54.13
County Mosquito Control Project		47.38
Licenses For The State		6.00
Dogs		866.70
Fish And Game And Dogs		147.28
Tailings		12,131.22
Overlay 1971		9,812.34
Overlay 1972		5,000.00
Overlay 1973		20,168.40
Overlay 1974		20,764.50
Overlay 1974-1975		20,205.00
Overlay 1975-1976		23,097.90
Overlay 1976-1977		121,992.57
Overlay Reserve		1,826.37
Employees Insurance		874.96
Retirement Employees		10,082.37
Teachers Insurance		2,455.79
Blue Cross Blue Shield		35,157.31
Teachers Annuity		23,916.33
Teachers Dues		95.90
Custodian Dues		95.00
Employees Optional Insurance		156.46
C.E.T.A. Blue Cross		556.33
C.E.T.A. Group Insurance		21.20
M.T.A. Credit Union	300.50	
School Income Account		1,888.21
Griffith Fund Income Account		208.69
Bates Cemetery Fund Income Account		80.30
Marcus Clark Cemetery Fund Income Account		392.90
Enoch Fuller Cemetery Fund Income Account		259.83
Ottis Fuller Cemetery Fund Income Account		169.41
Increase Hewins Cemetery Fund		168.91
Sarah J. Holmes Cemetery Fund Income Account		330.18
Hurley, Hewins and Warren Cemetery Fund		
Income Account		26.69
Captain Charles Ide Cemetery Fund		
Income Account		392.90
Lothrop Cemetery Fund Income Account		74.08
Matilda C. Morse Cemetery Fund Income Account		225.08
Lewis Smith Cemetery Fund Income Account		361.47
Jerome B. Snow Cemetery Fund Income Account		54.67

S. Talbot Cemetery Fund Income Fund	54.14
Tisdale Cemetery Fund Income Account	1,127.42
Tisdale Cemetery Restoration	750.00
Bates Library Fund Income Account	1.31
Clapp Library Fund Income Account	88.08
Joseph A. Cushman Library Fund Income Account	28.43
Estey & Hinckley Library Fund Income Account	40.62
Georgianna O. Hampton Library Fund	
Income Account	9.30
Historical Library Fund Income Account	19.25
Lizzie Burke Library Fund Income Account	5.51
Perkins, Hayden & Drake Library Fund	
Income Account	22.40
Revenue 1977-1978	10,002,601.00
Excess and Deficiency Account	355,712.75
Revenue Appropriation Control	10,497,035.00
Pre-Paid Vacations	4,601.35
Real Estate Reappraisal	3,627.54
Office Equipment N.C.R.	136.46
Plans And Objectives Committee	941.00
Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee	941.03
Historic District Commission	271.88
Central Business District	1,731.11
Transportation Advisory Board	160.12
Police Outside Work	808.41
Public Safety Facilities Committee	100.65
Town Ambulance Art. 29	536.25
Department of Health (Encumbered)	2,044.08
D.P.W. Snow And Ice Deficit	19,723.33
Highway Equipment Art. 13 — 1976	26,419.78
State And City Highway Art. 11 — 1976	13,200.00
Highway Improvement Town Roads Art. 9 — 1974	35,589.03
Highway Improvement Town Roads Chapter 1140 — 1973	
Chapter 125 — 1974	43,200.00
State Aid To Town Roads Art. 15 — 1975	13,200.00
Massapoag Avenue Construction	15,528.97
Wolomolopoag Street Art. 35 — 1976	531.50
Furnace Street Art. 36 — 1976	1,370.00
Repairs to Highway Garage	2,000.00
North Main Street	38,907.09
Town Mapping Art. 19 — 1976	52,950.00
East Street Sidewalk	26,000.00

Beaver Brook Road; Pheasantwood Road; Huckleberry Lane	51,400.00
School Encumbrance	152,760.67
School Lunch (Revolving)	2,156.89
Educational Television Costs C71 S137	927.62
School Athletic Fund	1,153.99
Repair to East Elementary School	218,864.18
Repair to High School Roof	190,998.55
School Building Committee Expenses	4,004.43
Junior High Building	3,643.03
School Building Expansion Committee	991.28
Middle School Committee	34.35
Low Income Family Title I ESEA	16,160.00
School Adult Education	17.55
Special Education Chapter 766	161.70
School ESEA Title II Library	5,305.12
Project Look School	3,341.87
Blue Hills Project Towns	4,883.86
School Occupational Education (P.L. 92-318)	3,397.82
Indo Refugee Program	28.90
Title IV Library	167.35
National Defense Education	7,968.45
METCO Aid Chapter 506	58,355.48
School Zone Installation (Spec. Town Meeting) 1972	11,000.00
School EDC Title I PL 8910 ESEA	217.74
School Project Live Title IV (E20-5)	1.78
Sharon Public Library Lost Books	875.95
Public Library Addition Committee	30,450.12
Recreation Sacred Heart Acquisition Land Property	44,173.00
Lake Front Projects Article 26, 1968	175.33
Lake Massapoag Study Art. 47, 1969	362.40
Bicentennial Books	8,564.06
Solid Waste Disposal Mountain Street	1,509.37
Conservation Water Areas 1970 Appro. 1970 Article 41	5,000.00
Conservation of Land 1974-75 Article 23	11,347.76
Conservation of Land on North Main Street 1974-75	12,853.06
Conservation Land Cottage Street	800.00
Industrial Development Finance Authority	75.00
Conservation Commission (Land)	24,500.00
Water Mains Di-Ren	918.66



South Main Street Water Appr. March 1972	377.50
North Main Street Water Art. 17 — 1976	122,352.02
Repairs to Standpipe	12,230.63
Pumping Equipment Art. 23, 1969 Borrowing	51,302.30
Pumping Station Repairs Appr. March 1970	10,921.97
Repairs to Moose Hill Reservoir Art. 22-69	
Borrowing Art. 22 — 1969	4,348.19
East Foxboro Street Well Art. 18 — 1975 T.M.	11,033.94
Water Standpipe Repair Art. 20 — 1975	9,295.00
Interest	635.19
Net Debt	\$ 2,399,157.00
East Street Standpipe	30,000.00
Water Systems Improvement Loan	285,000.00
Recreation Sacred Heart Land Property	
Art. 2 — 1974 Art. 3 — 1974	270,000.00
High School Addition	150,000.00
Junior High School	1,125,000.00
Library Addition	36,000.00
Municipal Building	70,000.00
Conservation and Recreation Loan	105,000.00
Fire Truck	20,000.00
Voting Equipment	5,000.00
Shovel Dozer Chipper Loan	10,000.00
Water Loan — E. Foxboro Street	243,157.00
Drainage Loan — North Main Street	50,000.00
Trust and Investment Funds	102,268.66
Stabilization Fund	25,504.45
Dorchester and Surplus Revenue Fund	3,130.00
Sharon Friends School Fund	12,210.00
Perkins, Hayden & Drake	1,355.00
Lizzie Burke, Library Fund	200.00
Clapp Library Fund	3,000.00
Bates Library Fund	100.00
Estey, Hinckley Library Fund	1,470.00
Historical Library Fund	1,010.00
Joseph W. Cushman Library Fund	2,304.28
Georgianne O. Hampton Library Fund	694.60
Library Trustees Fund	1,675.17
Tisdale Cemetery Fund	1,800.00
Lothrop Cemetery Fund	125.00
Mrs. H. A. Warren Cemetery Fund	40.00
S. Talbot Cemetery Fund	100.00
Jerome B. Snow Cemetery Fund	100.00

Cynthia Bates Cemetery Fund		100.00
Sarah Jane Holmes Cemetery Fund		400.00
Matilda C. Morse Cemetery Fund		200.00
Lewis Smith Cemetery Fund		300.00
Enoch Fuller Cemetery Fund		300.00
Marcus Clark Cemetery Fund		500.00
Capain Charles Ide Cemetery Fund		500.00
Otis Fuller Cemetery Fund		150.00
Increase Hewins Cemetery Fund		150.00
Edmund H. Talbot Cemetery Fund		10,870.92
Griffith Fund		200.00
Henry P. Kendall Trust		33,779.24
Apportioned Water Betterments Not Due	8,861.98	
Apportioned Street Betterment Not Due	112.42	
Apportioned Water Betterments 1977-78		877.00
Apportioned Street Betterments 1977-78		16.06
Apportioned Water Betterments 1978-79		877.00
Apportioned Street Betterments 1978-79		16.06
Apportioned Water Betterments 1979-80		877.00
Apportioned Street Betterments 1979-80		16.06
Apportioned Water Betterments 1980-81		725.69
Apportioned Street Betterments 1980-81		16.06
Apportioned Water Betterments 1981-82		725.69
Apportioned Street Betterments 1981-82		16.06
Apportioned Water Betterments 1982-83		643.41
Apportioned Street Betterments 1982-83		16.06
Apportioned Water Betterments 1982-84		643.41
Apportioned Street Betterments 1983-84		16.06
Apportioned Water Betterments 1984-85		643.41
Apportioned Water Betterments 1985-86		643.41
Apportioned Water Betterments 1986-87		643.41
Apportioned Water Betterments 1987-88		520.85
Apportioned Water Betterments 1988-89		520.85
Apportioned Water Betterments 1989-90		520.85
	\$16,828,329.72	\$16,828,329.72

Arthur E. Collins  
Town Accountant  
Sharon, Massachusetts

TABLE OF FIXED DEBT

Loan, Date	Amount	Rate	Maturity	Outstanding Due in 1977-1978		Interest
				June 30, 1977	Principal	
High School Addition May 1, 1962	670,000	3.00%	5/1/82	150,000.00	30,000.00	4,500.00
Municipal Building October 9, 1963	260,000	3.10%	10/9/83	70,000.00	10,000.00	2,015.00
East Street Standpipe June 1, 1964	250,000	3.10%	6/1/79	30,000.00	15,000.00	930.00
Junior High School December 1, 1965	2,500,000	3.60%	12/1/85	1,125,000.00	125,000.00	38,250.00
Conservation & Recreation November 15, 1968	225,000	4.40%	11/15/83	105,000.00	15,000.00	4,290.00
Water Systems Improvement March 1, 1970	600,000	5.60%	3/1/84	285,000.00	45,000.00	15,960.00
Voting Equipment August 15, 1972	25,000	4.10%	8/15/77	5,000.00	5,000.00	205.00
Shovel Dozer/Chipper June 1, 1973	52,000	4.50%	6/1/78	10,000.00	10,000.00	450.00
Land & Building Acquisition April 22, 1974	300,000	6.25%	12/1/94	270,000.00	15,000.00	16,406.25
Fire Pumper Loan May 3, 1976	36,000	3.65%	5/3/79	20,000.00	10,000.00	730.00
North Main Street Drainage December 1, 1976	50,000	4.20%	12/1/81	50,000.00	10,000.00	1,890.00
Water Loan — East Foxboro Street December 1, 1976	243,157	4.40%	12/1/81	243,157.00	53,157.00	9,598.91
Public Library Addition June 15, 1977	36,000	4.00%	6/15/80	36,000.00	16,000.00	1,440.00
				<u>2,399,157.00</u>	<u>359,157.00</u>	<u>96,665.16</u>

## **TREASURER**

**Donald P. Farwell, Treasurer**

**Marion L. MacKay, Assistant Treasurer**

**Jeannette B. Orel, Secretary**

**Margaret E. Dubois, Secretary**

From the minutes of the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting, April 13, 1976, Article 17: "Voted Unanimously: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$253,000 for the construction of a 12 inch Water Main in North Main Street from Post Office Square a distance of about 9,000 feet to Bay Road and that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$250,000 under the provision of Chapter 44, Section 8 of the General Laws, and the balance of \$3,000 be transferred from available funds".

From the minutes of the Special Town Meeting, March 7, 1977, Article 2: "Voted: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$360,000 for rehabilitating and remodeling the East Elementary School; that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$360,000 under Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended, and that the Sharon School Building Committee is authorized to take all action necessary to carry out this vote".

From the minutes of the Special Town Meeting, March 7, 1977, Article 3: "Voted: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for remodeling and making extraordinary repairs to the High School; that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$300,000 under G.L.c. 44, s. 7 (3A) as amended, and that the Sharon School Building Committee is authorized to take all action necessary to carry out this vote".

From the minutes of the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting, April 13, 1976, Article 24. "Voted: That the Town establish a committee to be known as the Sharon Public Library Addition Committee, said committee to determine the extent of necessary additions to the Public Library, to contract for Architectural Services to prepare working drawings and specifications for such additions. That the Town appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the above purposes and for the expenses of said Committee and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$36,000 and the balance of \$4,000 be raised on the Tax Levy".

From the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting, April 15, 1975, Article 21: "Voted: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$137,000 for Drainage Construction in North Main Street, Huntington Avenue, Brook Road, Crest Road, Glendale Road, Highland Street, High Street, and in any necessary easements and authorize the Selectmen to purchase or take by eminent domain or otherwise acquire lands or easements necessary therefore, and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$6,256.56 be transferred from the overlay reserve, the unexpended balance of



\$42,474.27 remaining from the appropriation voted under Article 30 of the 1962 Annual Town Meeting for the addition to the High School be transferred, the sum of \$38,269.17 be raised on the tax levy, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$50,000 under provisions of Chapter 44, Section 7(1), of the General Laws”.

Balance, July 1, 1976		\$ 2,278,605.24
Borrowings for fiscal year ending June 30, 1977		
Anticipation of Bond Sales:		
Renewal East Foxboro Street Water Loan		
September 17, 1976	\$180,000.00	
North Main Street Water Project		
June 15, 1977	200,000.00	
High School Remodeling		
June 15, 1977	300,000.00	
East Elementary School Project		
June 15, 1977	300,000.00	980,000.00
Bond Sales:		
Drainage Construction — Various Streets		
December 1, 1976	\$ 50,000.00	
Library Addition		
June 15, 1977	36,000.00	
East Foxboro Street Pumping Station and Water Main		
December 1, 1976	243,157.00	329,157.00
Other receipts during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1977		12,694,587.46
Total		
Bonds Paid:		
Elementary Schools	\$ 35,000.00	
Junior High School	125,000.00	
Municipal Building	10,000.00	
Community Center	15,000.00	
High School Addition	30,000.00	
East Street Standpipe	15,000.00	
Water Systems Improvements	45,000.00	
Mansfield Street Water Project	10,000.00	
Voting Equipment Loan	5,000.00	
Shovel-Dozer and Chipper Loan	10,000.00	
Sacred Heart Property Loans	140,000.00	
Fiscal Cycle Loan	190,000.00	
Fire Pumper Loan	16,000.00	\$ 646,000.00
Notes Paid:		
East Foxboro Street Water Loan		
Bond Anticipation	\$180,000.00	
Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance	6,000.00	186,000.00
Other payments during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1977		13,161,988.78
Total payments		\$13,993,988.78
Cash on hand and in banks, June 30, 1977		2,288,360.92
Total		\$16,282,349.70

## COLLECTOR

Donald P. Farwell, Collector

Dorothy E. Traut, Deputy

Jean F. Coffey, Deputy Carolyn R. Enbinder, Deputy

### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE - 1972

Outstanding, July 1, 1976	\$	1.00	
Abatements Cancelled		155.10	\$ 156.10
Payments to Treasurer	\$	155.10	
Outstanding, June 30, 1977		1.00	\$ 156.10

### PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES - 1973

Outstanding, July 1, 1976	\$	168.40
Outstanding, June 30, 1977	\$	168.40

### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE - 1973

Outstanding, July 1, 1976	\$	21,280.94
Payments to Treasurer	\$	518.12
Abatements		50.33
Outstanding, June 30, 1977	20,712.49	\$ 21,280.94

### PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES - 1974

Outstanding, July 1, 1976	\$	63.80
Outstanding, June 30, 1977	\$	63.80

### REAL ESTATE TAXES - 1974

Refunds	\$	398.20
Abatements	\$	398.20

### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE - 1974

Outstanding, July 1, 1976	\$	20,724.99
Payments to Treasurer	\$	1,395.62
Abatements		69.30
Outstanding, June 30, 1977	19,260.07	\$ 20,724.99

### PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES - 1975

Outstanding, July 1, 1976	\$	205.00
Outstanding, June 30 1977	\$	205.00

### REAL ESTATE TAXES - 1975

Outstanding, July 1, 1976	\$	90.00	
Commitment per Warrants		115.00	
Refunds		905.00	\$ 1,110.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$	115.00	
Abatements	\$	905.00	
Added to Tax Title		90.00	\$ 1,110.00

### DEFERRED REAL ESTATE TAXES - 1975

Commitment per Warrants	\$	2,175.23
Payments to Treasurer	\$	2,175.23

### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE - 1975

Outstanding, July 1, 1976	\$	28,838.03	
Commitment per Warrants		21,851.30	
Refunds		1,071.48	\$ 51,760.81
Payments to Treasurer	\$	20,586.77	
Abatements		4,779.16	
Outstanding, June 30, 1977		26,394.88	\$ 51,760.81

### WATER RATES - 1975

Outstanding, July 1, 1976	(\$ 31.50)
Outstanding, June 30, 1977	(\$ 31.50)

### PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES - 1976

Outstanding, July 1, 1976	\$	1,282.67
Payments to Treasurer	\$	591.60
Outstanding, June 30, 1977		691.07 \$ 1,282.67

### REAL ESTATE TAXES - 1976

Outstanding, July 1, 1976	\$	121,974.09	
Commitment per Warrants		620.82	
Refunds		105.00	\$ 122,699.91
Payments to Treasurer	\$	94,695.58	
Abatements		245.92	
Added to Taxes in Litigation		1,524.90	
Added to Tax Title		26,233.51	\$ 122,699.91

### DEFERRED REAL ESTATE TAXES - 1976

Commitment per Warrants	\$	2,066.04
Payments to Treasurer	\$	2,066.04

#### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE - 1976

Outstanding, July 1, 1976	\$	195,814.05	
Commitment per Warrants		234,196.28	
Abatements Cancelled		11.53	
Refunds		10,290.06	\$ 440,311.92
Payments to Treasurer	\$	351,763.09	
Abatements		39,137.36	
Outstanding, June 30, 1977		49,411.47	\$ 440,311.92

#### WATER RATES - 1976

Outstanding, July 1, 1976	\$	30,100.54	
Commitment per Warrants		187,091.14	
Refunds		601.50	\$ 217,793.18
Payments to Treasurer	\$	195,238.60	
Abatements		130.00	
Outstanding, June 30, 1977		22,424.58	\$ 217,793.18

#### WATER LIENS - 1976

Outstanding, July 1, 1976			\$ 736.85
Payments to Treasurer	\$	592.92	
Added to Tax Title		143.93	\$ 736.85

#### FARM ANIMAL EXCISE - 1976

Commitment per Warrants			\$ 75.12
Payments to Treasurer	\$		75.12

#### PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES - 1977

Commitment per Warrants	\$	254,235.80	
Refunds		79.30	\$ 254,315.10
Payments to Treasurer	\$	253,006.00	
Abatements		143.00	
Outstanding, June 30, 1977		1,166.10	\$ 254,315.10

#### REAL ESTATE TAXES - 1977

Commitment per Warrants	\$	7,043,064.75	
Abatements Cancelled		1,497.40	
Refunds		7,859.70	\$ 7,052,421.85
Payments to Treasurer	\$	6,710,503.43	
Abatements		93,574.40	
Added to Tax Possessions		712.40	
Added to Tax Title		69,326.38	
Outstanding, June 30, 1977	\$	178,305.24	\$ 7,052,421.85

#### DEFERRED REAL ESTATE TAXES - 1977

Commitment per Warrants	\$	977.06
Payments to Treasurer	\$	977.06



# MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE - 1977

Commitment per Warrants	\$	495,339.64	
Refunds		1,392.16	\$ 496,731.80
Payments to Treasurer	\$	293,149.92	
Abatements		34,508.63	
Outstanding, June 30, 1977		169,073.25	\$ 496,731.80

# WATER RATES - 1977

Commitment per Warrants	\$	116,845.92	
Refunds		43.45	\$ 116,889.37
Payments to Treasurer	\$	85,881.57	
Abatements		257.25	
Outstanding, June 30, 1977		30,750.55	\$ 116,889.37

# WATER LIENS - 1977

Prepaid, July 1, 1976	\$	(631.68)	
Commitment per Warrants		30,485.72	\$ 29,854.04
Payments to Treasurer	\$	27,663.47	
Added to Tax Title		1,366.77	
Outstanding, June 30, 1977		823.80	\$ 29,854.04

# APPORTIONED WATER BETTERMENT PAID IN ADVANCE - 1977

Commitment per Warrants	\$	22.70
Payments to Treasurer	\$	22.70

# COMMITTED INTEREST ON APPORTIONED WATER BETTERMENTS PAID IN ADVANCE - 1977

Commitment per Warrants	\$	.57
Payments to Treasurer	\$	.57

# APPORTIONED WATER BETTERMENTS - 1977

Commitment per Warrants	\$	899.70
Payments to Treasurer	\$	899.70

# COMMITTED INTEREST ON APPORTIONED WATER BETTERMENTS - 1977

Commitment per Warrants	\$	391.38
Payments to Treasurer	\$	391.38

# APPORTIONED STREET BETTERMENTS - 1977

Commitment per Warrants	\$	16.06
Payments to Treasurer	\$	16.06

# COMMITTED INTEREST ON APPORTIONED STREET BETTERMENTS - 1977

Commitment per Warrants	\$	5.14
Payments to Treasurer	\$	5.14

### POLICE OFF-DUTY WORK

Outstanding, July 1, 1976	\$	887.05		
Commitment per Warrants	\$	34,577.37	\$	35,464.42
Payments to Treasurer	\$	31,017.43		
Abatements		52.00		
Outstanding, June 30, 1977		4,394.99	\$	35,464.42

### SURCHARGE ON POLICE OFF-DUTY WORK

Outstanding, July 1, 1976	\$	90.21		
Commitment per Warrants		2,066.22	\$	2,156.43
Payments to Treasurer	\$	2,032.16		
Abatements		5.20		
Outstanding, June 30, 1977		119.07	\$	2,156.43

### SCHOOL OFF-DUTY WORK

Commitment per Warrants			\$	5,650.45
Payments to Treasurer	\$	5,611.01		
Abatements		39.44	\$	5,650.45

### AMBULANCE SERVICE

Outstanding, July 1, 1976	\$	9,604.52		
Commitment per Warrants		7,475.00		
Abatements Cancelled		15.00	\$	17,094.52
Payments to Treasurer	\$	4,869.00		
Abatements		25.00		
Outstanding, June 30, 1977		12,200.52	\$	17,094.52

### SCHOOL DEPARTMENT (RENTALS & TUITION)

Outstanding, July 1, 1976	\$	7,470.37		
Commitment per Warrants		4,901.14		
Refunds		44.00	\$	12,415.51
Payments to Treasurer	\$	4,803.95		
Abatements		6,044.66		
Outstanding, June 30, 1977		1,566.90	\$	12,415.51

### INCOME FROM INTEREST, COSTS AND LIEN CERTIFICATES

#### Interest:

Levy of 1972	\$	29.17		
Levy of 1973		102.29		
Levy of 1974		169.58		
Levy of 1975		433.31		
Levy of 1976		5,302.33		
Levy of 1977		7,127.33		
Costs		3,429.15		
Municipal Lien Certificates		3,034.00	\$	19,627.16
Payments to Treasurer			\$	19,627.16

# BOARD OF ASSESSORS

**Raymond F. Barley, CMA Chairman**

**Paul T. Keefe**

**Leon Wolfson**

**Virginia Williams, Asst. Assessor**

**Marion C. Hynes, Clerk**

**Dorothy Allen, Clerk**

Assessed Value of Property,  
not exempt:

Personal	\$ 4,889,150.00	\$ 6,278,875.00
Real Estate	135,434,080.00	139,614,100.00
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	\$140,323,230.00	\$145,892,975.00
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Amount to be raised:

On Property	\$ 7,296,807.96	\$ 8,097,060.11
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Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	610,000.00	500,000.00
Licenses	100.00	100.00
General Government	12,000.00	15,000.00
Protection of Persons & Property	24,000.00	26,000.00
Health & Sanitation	16,000.00	22,000.00
Highways	6,000.00	14,000.00
School (Local receipts of School Committee)	24,000.00	34,000.00
Libraries (Local receipts other than State Aid)	3,000.00	3,000.00
Recreation	24,000.00	30,000.00
Water Department	250,000.00	246,000.00
Estimated Receipts from		
Local Aid & Agency Funds	1,616,905.92	1,975,200.91
County & State Assessments —		
Over Estimated	102,874.00	14,157.56
Taken from available funds	816,982.00	545,752.00
Interest	54,000.00	58,000.00
Farm Animal, Machinery & Equipment Excise	50.00	0.00
Unclassified	5,000.00	2,000.00
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	\$3,564,911.92	\$3,485,210.47
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Raised for the following purposes:

	Fiscal 1976-77	Fiscal 1977-78
Town Grant	\$ 9,141,163.00	\$10,002,601.00
Taken from Available Funds	816,982.00	523,928.00
State: Tax and Assessments	255,886.07	259,250.55
County: Tax and Assesments	274,774.55	336,836.09
Overlay	210,312.57	230,193.61
Miscellaneous	138,686.58	187,998.00
G. L. Chapter 44, Section 31D		19,723.33
Debt & Interest Charges Matured & Maturing	23,915.11	21,740.00
	<u>\$10,861,719.88</u>	<u>\$11,582,270.58</u>

1976-77 Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation		1977-78 Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation	
School Rate	\$31.74	School Rate	\$28.91
General Rate	20.26	General Rate	26.59
	<u>\$52.00</u>		<u>\$55.50</u>

#### SUMMARY COVERING TEN YEAR PERIOD

Year	Valuation	Appropriation	To Be Raised	Tax Rate
1969	67,460,340.00	5,077,927.80	3,811,509.35	56.50
1970	70,430,647.00	5,609,517.24	4,014,546.88	57.00
1971	119,542,152.00	6,222,603.20	4,781,686.08	40.00
1972	121,603,527.00	6,737,662.26	5,046,546.39	41.50
1973	125,600,960.00	6,568,404.00	5,526,442.24	44.00
1974 (6 Mo.)	131,585,460.00	3,284,202.00	2,763,221.12	22.00
1974-75	131,585,460.00	8,151,731.81	6,579,273.00	50.00
1975-76	134,788,930.00	10,203,274.11	6,874,235.43	51.00
1976-77	140,323,230.00	10,861,719.88	7,296,807.96	52.00
1977-78	145,892,975.00	11,582,270.58	8,097,060.11	55.50

#### EXEMPTIONS GRANTED UNDER MASSACHUSETTS STATUTES CLAUSE 22 — DISABLED VETS.

	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78
Exemptions Processed	246	244	241
Exemptions Granted	246	239	239
Exemptions Refused	0	5	2
Amount Exempted	45,411.00	45,743.00	46,660.45



	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78
CLAUSE 41 — ELDERLY PERSONS			
Exemptions Processed	77	76	67
Exemptions Granted	74	72	65
Exemptions Refused	3	4	2
Amount Exempted	25,900.00	25,025.00	22,575.00

CLAUSE 17 — WIDOW, AGED OR MINOR			
Exemptions Processed	2	3	4
Exemptions Granted	2	3	4
Amount Exempted	275.00	454.00	700.00

CLAUSE 37 — BLIND			
Exemptions Processed	5	6	6
Exemptions Granted	5	6	6
Amount Exempted	2,187.50	2,625.00	2,625.00

CLAUSE 41A — ELDERLY DEFERRED TAXES			
Exemptions Processed	3	3	3
Exemptions Granted	3	3	3
Amount Deferred	5,120.40	4,716.40	3,952.70

CLAUSE 61A — AGRICULTURAL-HORTICULTURAL			
Exemptions Processed	35	35	37
Exemptions Granted	35	35	37
Amount Exempted	21,067.90	21,928.40	24,192.45

	Calendar Years		
	1975	1976	1977
Total Number of Motor Vehicle Excise Bills Processed through Assessors Office	11,549	9,580	12,998
Total Value of Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	\$651,520.74	579,496.70	792,417.89
Total Number of Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements Processed	1,769	1,691	1,720
Total Value of Motor Vehicle Abatements	\$ 76,993.92	76,551.93	67,200.47

REAL ESTATE			
	Fiscal 1975-76	Fiscal 1976-77	Fiscal 1977-78
Total Number of Real Estate Parcels Assessed	4,993	5,013	5,002
	Calendar Years		
	1975	1976	1977
Total Number of Real Estate Transfers	640	639	724

# BUILDING INSPECTOR

**Elliott S. Darrow, Building Commissioner**

**Richard Sloggett, Assistant**

In general, no new construction, additions, roofing, demolitions or alterations of any type, affecting any partitions, doorways, bearing walls or other structural members shall be started until a permit has been received from the Building Department.

Also, all electrical, plumbing and gas work, swimming pool installations, vinyl or aluminum siding installatons, require permits from the Building Department.

If the homeowner has any question regarding the necessity of a permit, he should not hesitate to inquire at the Building Department.

Along with general building and site inspections made by the Building Inspector, his duties include periodic inspection and certification of public and private schools, hospitals, nursing homes, hotels, churches, grandstands, theatres, public halls, apartment houses and other structures.

The following is a listing of building construction activity for the year 1977 along with the 1976 figures for comparison purposes.

Type of Construction	Permits Issued		Builders Estimated Cost	
	1977	1976	1977	1976
New Single Residences	103	99	\$3,333,250.00	\$2,822,200.00
Residential Add. or Alteration	196	142	865,836.50	355,512.00
New Non-Residential	3	2	375,800.00	313,500.00
Garages and Carports	17	10	39,800.00	18,530.00
Other	55	38	495,580.00	95,277.00
Total	374	291	\$5,110,266.50	\$3,605,019.00

Total building permits for 1977 in all categories was 374 for a builders estimated cost of \$5,110,266.50.

Fees for building, plumbing, wiring and gas permits, fees for certificates of inspection collected amounted to \$22,099.21 and were turned over to the Town Treasurer.

## **PLANNING BOARD**

**Edward Lyons, Chairman**

**Gary P. Lilienthal, Vice-Chairman**

**Peter O. Cleveland, Clerk**

**George B. Bailey**

**Frederick G. Clay**

**Adele R. Kohl, Secretary**

The Planning Board met a total of 41 times in 1977, and conducted 10 public hearings. There was one executive session conducted to review pending litigation on subdivisions with Town Counsel.

In the Town elections of 1977, Mr. Peter O. Cleveland was elected to the Planning Board. Mr. Lyons was re-elected by the Board as its Chairman, Mr. Gary P. Lilienthal as Vice-Chairman and Mr. Peter O. Cleveland as Clerk.

For the Annual Town Meeting of 1977, Planning Board held public hearings on the following zoning related articles:

**ARTICLE 30** — An act calling for the designation of certain ways in the Town as Scenic Roads.

Recommendation: Favorable      Action: Passed

**ARTICLE 33** — Revision of Section 1 (9) of the By-Laws to comply with modifications made by HUD in the Flood Hazard Districts in Sharon.

Recommendation: Favorable      Action: Passed

**ARTICLE 34** — Clarification of Definition of Non-Conforming Lots — Section 7D.

Recommendation: Favorable      Action: Passed

**Article 35** — Zoning Map Changes

Recommendation: Favorable      Action: Passed

Additional Public Hearings were held on:

3/ 3/77 — Townsman Square III

5/ 4/77 — Hampshire Estates II

5/18/77—Scenic Roads—Proposed Rules and Regulations

6/15/77 — Williams Estates

7/13/77 — 2 Lot Subdivision at the end of Eagle Drive —  
Ralph Maloon

12/21/77 — Mohawk Village Estates

The following is a summary of subdivision activities during the past year. An \* represents approval of a definitive plan; a + represents approval of a preliminary plan; and (c) represents a cluster subdivision.

<b>Approved Plans</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Acerage</b>	<b>No. Lots</b>
Eagle Drive Estates* (off Eagle Drive)	National Homes, Inc.	3	2
Hampshire Estates II* (re-submission of plans previously approved off of Cheryl Drive)	Bay Bank Norfolk County Trust	16	21
Townsmen Sq. III*(c) (off Eisenhower Drive)	George Iverson	91	82
Williams Estates* (off Castle Drive)	Charles F. Williams	6	6
The Hill, Briggs Pond + (off Mountain St.)	John Ames	9	7
Sharon Shire Est. +(c) (off W. Eisenhower Dr.)	Indel Trust	193	173
Sharon Shire Estates + (off W. Eisenhower Dr.)	Indel Trust	193	173
<b>Pending Plans</b> Sharon Estates IV *	John Muldoon	4	4
Mohawk Village Estates* (off Owl Drive)	Atacap Realty Trust	67	53

#### **Other Report Data**

Subdivision filing fees collected — \$3,785

Value of Roadway and Utility Construction — \$185,000

39 Non-Subdivision plans were approved which created 15 new building lots.

1977 was the second year of the Planning Board's Comprehensive Planning process. Where 1976 was a year of defining the strengths and deficiencies of our community and establishing priorities, this was the year for developing the mechanisms for achieving our stated goals:

1. Revisions to zoning by-law to bring it into conformance with Chapter 808 — the new zoning act and recodification.
2. Redefinition and design of residential districts.
3. Growth controls
4. Review of the town center.
5. Design review
6. Review of street standards including bike paths.



For the April 1978 Town Meeting, the Planning Board will ask the Town to review procedural articles required to bring our present by-laws into conformance with state-mandated requirements including notification to abutters. The Board has worked with its consultant, Philip B. Herr and Associates, and with Town Counsel to compare these documents and will request Town Meeting endorsement. Also at the April Town Meeting, the Town will be given the opportunity to vote on certain optional provisions of the new by-law including the granting of special permit authority such as that required for cluster subdivisions to either the Planning Board or the Board of Appeal.

At a Special Town Meeting later in the year, the Planning Board will address itself to the more substantive issues.

A complete recodification or reorganization of the by-law will be proposed to organize sections more rationally than at present.

The most major revision to be presented will be a re-evaluation of residential districts. At present, the majority of the Town is zoned for one house per 40,000 sq. ft. without regard to other factors. Again with the resources of Herr Associates, the Planning Board has reviewed the many criteria which should have a bearing on determining lot size and density.

These include geology, specifically the ability of the land to handle septic system, topography, including extent of ledge and wetlands, water resources, proximity to town services, and character of adjacent neighborhoods. All of these factors have been considered as the basis for redefining lot size and density. Presently, the Board has established as a parameter that the overall potential density of the Town should remain as it exists under present zoning with areas zoned primarily at the rate of one dwelling per acre. With some larger lot zoning the opportunity exists to rezone some property to higher densities without adversely affecting the total population density. The Board has also been evaluating several areas that are possible for this kind of development. The intent of this study is to preserve the present character of the Town, provide a variety of housing types and most importantly to respond to a variety of criteria that require zoning to consider the specifics of the community as opposed to standard practice.

Hopefully having determined where development may occur in the Town, we are addressing the question of the rate at which development should occur. This study is a direct response to the findings of our citizen study groups last year with one major exception. Although there appears to be significant interest in stopping growth, the Planning Board has not gone in this direction for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is the fact that we feel that this position is neither legal nor responsible. Our surveys have indicated that we do in fact have the resources to provide for projected population increases within the next 20 to 25 years. The proposals defined above should prevent development from occurring in inappropriate areas. The primary question then becomes the rate at which development occurs. The Planning

Board has over the past year reviewed several devices for controlling growth being used throughout the country. At the present time, it appears we will be proposing a system that allows development at present rates without restriction but prohibits greater rates without determination of specific criteria including the rate at which Town services may be provided and the quality of development proposals.

Parallel to its primary activity in the areas of residential redistricting and growth controls, the Planning Board was instrumental in the development of a citizen study group responsible for evaluating state proposals for realignment of streets and installation of traffic signals in Post Office Square. This group consists of: David Wluka, Chairman, Charlotte Blank, Susan Slater, David Sternick, Steven Drobnis, Paul Ares, and Sydney Morgan.

A second citizen study group to establish design standards for the Town, The Sharon Design Study Committee, consists of: Leonard Vilar, Donna West, Barry Jordan, Judy Bookbinder, Roger Nicholas, Roberta Shaffer. The primary area which has been addressed by this Committee is architectural criteria including facade and sign controls for buildings in the Town Center. It is expected that several proposals requiring Town Meeting action will be the outgrowth of this work.

In summary, this has been a year of major and substantive planning activity by your Planning Board. All the Town's voters will ultimately decide at Town Meeting whether our proposals are responsive to the needs and desires of our community and determine the course of future Planning Board activities.

### **TOWN CENTER STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT**

The committee was formed in June in order to create a citizen input for the proposed redesign of Post Office Square's traffic pattern by the Mass. DPW. Members include both citizens at large and representatives of the Sharon Chamber of Commerce. Public meetings were held on June 22nd and September 15th with the DPW to develop alternative parking solutions for the square and to include design elements in the plan to ensure the square becomes a more attractive and functional place. Philip B. Herr and Associates, the Planning Board's consultant, prepared a sketch plan and workbook to aid in these efforts. Louis Berger Associates, the DPW engineering consultants, have submitted a proposal for funding for a study of off-street parking alternatives and have begun preliminary design work on the square itself. This committee will continue to monitor and participate in the project through its completion.

The Planning Board would like to acknowledge with gratitude the services of Elizabeth Skelton, who served as the Planning Board's representative to the Conservation Commission.

## **BOARD OF APPEALS**

**Henry D. Katz, Chairman**

**Dexter D. Eure, Sr.**

**Doris R. Bryant, Secretary**

**Alternates:**

**Bernard Libon, John Morandi, Herman Steinberg**

In 1977, the Board of Appeals conducted hearings on thirty-one applications under the zoning by-law. There were twenty-three applications for variances and eight applications for special permits. Of the eight applications for special permits, four were for cluster subdivisions and three of these cluster subdivision applications pertained to only one subdivision. That subdivision application was, to date, the largest cluster subdivision proposal under the Town's zoning by-law and much of the proposed subdivision was to be in the Lake watershed. It was the first cluster subdivision application to be denied with prejudice.

# PUBLIC WORKS

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

<b>Henry L. Munson, P.E., R.L.S.</b>	<b>Town Engineer</b>
<b>J. Timothy Walsh, Jr.</b>	<b>Senior Engineering Aide</b>
<b>Mark V. Whidden</b>	<b>Engineering Aide</b>
<b>Elliott S. Darrow</b>	<b>Building Commissioner</b>
<b>James B. Delaney</b>	<b>Electrical Inspector</b>
<b>Warren L. Grant</b>	<b>Plumbing/Gas Inspector</b>
<b>Anne L. Cosgrove</b>	<b>Secretary/Clerk</b>

As in the past years, one of the principal duties of this Department in 1977 was to provide engineering services and assistance to the Department of Public Works for the many construction and maintenance projects performed by them during the year. Examples of these services are: underground utility locations and profile elevations for all drainage and culvert work, both in the design stage and then again during construction. Street line locations and grades were furnished as requested for sidewalk repair and construction to the Highway Division and also to the Water Division for curb box locations. Many other services of a somewhat lesser nature, but never-the-less time consuming, were provided to the D.P.W. as necessary.

In addition to the work performed for the D.P.W., plans and specifications for public bidding were drawn up for the installation of 11,500 ft. of 12" water main in North Main Street, from Cobb's Corner to the Square. We attracted 17 bidders on this contract with a joint venture of E. M. Duggan and J. Gavigan Corporation being the low bidder at \$219,482.98. The completion of this project late in the fall has greatly improved the fire flow protection to the residents in the area, especially the Elderly Housing and Bayberry Drive complexes.

We also prepared plans and specifications for the roadway completion of Beaver Brook Road, Pheasant Wood Road and Huckleberry Lane. This was a subdivision that we finally collected money from the original developer's Bonding Company. Only two bidders responded to this late fall contract and both bids greatly exceeded the appropriation and were rejected. The D.P.W. was then requested to do this job and completed the drainage, paving and curbing work before the cold weather closed down construction. The sidewalks and other finish work will be completed in the spring.

In the spring of 1977, the North Main Street drainage contract, which had been about 75% completed the previous fall, was finished by the H. W. Murphy Construction Company.



The aerial mapping program, under contract to the Avis Air Map Company of Braintree, is progressing with some of the preliminary manuscripts being furnished to the Town. The completed maps should be available next year when the contract is to be completed.

The Board of Health duties performed this year were about the same as last year in regard to system inspection and plan review of applications. Applications and plans for the construction of 150 subsurface sewerage disposal systems were reviewed. This process requires a visit to the site, observation of percolation tests and test pits, along with the paper work of plan review and approval. Most of the prime building land in Town, from a sewerage disposal point of view, is either built upon or not available, therefore, many of the applications are for land that requires much more testing and closer supervision of the construction stages to ensure compliance with the more stringent conditions of approval.

The State Department of Environmental Quality Engineering revised Title Five of the State Environmental Code (formerly the State Sanitary Code) as of July 1st, which significantly toughens the code where necessary and desirable. They do, however, increase the time spent on Board of Health duties as each new lot now has to have at least two test holes and percolation tests, all of which must be observed by a Town Inspector. These tests are sometimes quite time consuming.

Of the 150 applications reviewed, 108 were for new home construction and 42 were for corrective additions to existing systems. Again this year, Sharon continues to show substantial home building which is still somewhat contrary to the trends in the surrounding Towns. The installation of 120 sewerage disposal systems were inspected and approved to verify their compliance with the approved plans and the state and local sanitary codes. In many instances, these systems required two trips to each site as inspections are required at different stages of construction. We also investigated numerous health violation complaints and recommended corrective action and/or cease and desist citations to the violators as necessary.

Planning Board related duties are another important and time consuming function of this department. This year there were engineering reports and recommendations presented to the Planning Board on nine subdivision plans, 6 definitive plans totaling 168 lots and 3 preliminary plans totaling 180 lots. A great deal of time was spent on the large 173 lot subdivision called Sharonshire Estates in evaluating the merits of a cluster subdivision versus a conventional zoning layout. This plan, because of its size and environmental concerns, involved much discussion with the Board as well as the Zoning Board of Appeals, who had to rule on the special permit required for a cluster subdivision. These engineering reports, with recommendations for both design and construction improvements, involve both field reconnaissance and detailed plan evaluation. Based on the number of lots approved this year and the plans under consideration, it would appear that 1978 will be a busy year in subdivision activity.

Much of the building and development that did take place in 1977 was in developments that had been partially constructed in prior years. There was, however, inspection and approval given on new roadway and utility construction in 6 different subdivisions totaling about \$185,000.00. This inspection is of the utmost importance, as improper construction of streets and utilities at this time would require large maintenance expenditures by the Town in future years.

Considerable time was also devoted to consultations with Philip Herr Associates, the Planning Board consultant, who is working on a town wide planning project. Various maps, reports and sketches were prepared for these discussions. The Town Engineer also attends all Planning Board meetings and acts as their agent for signing routine non-subdivision plans for recording purposes. In 1977, thirty-nine such plans were reviewed and endorsed.

The Board of Selectmen and the Executive Secretary required a large portion of the department's time by requesting advice, comments and investigations of the many complaints and problems of town management occurring during a year. Many of these are minor type problems but they are nevertheless quite time consuming.

Engineering advice and recommendations were furnished to all other Town departments as requested. For example, the Zoning Board of Appeal, on cluster subdivision and site plan approval hearings, of which there were several, the Conservation Commission on "Hatch Act" or wetland filling projects, the Board of Assessors, through the up-dating of their Assessors' plans, the Capital Outlay Committee and the Warrant Committee with plans, cost estimates and sketches on Town Meeting articles.

We have on file in our office many records and survey plans which are items of public record and, therefore, of interest to builders, realtors, engineers, surveyors, lawyers and, of course, the property owner himself. Therefore, in the course of a year, considerable time is spent reviewing and assisting the public in obtaining this information. Another time consuming and responsible function of our Secretary/Clerk is that of fee collection and bookkeeping. We collect all the plumbing, gas, electrical, building, and Board of Health sewerage disposal fees. We also collect fees for the sale of Zoning maps, Zoning by-laws, Planning Board rules and regulations, and Building Codes. In 1977, the total of all fees collected by this Department amounted to \$22,648.71. We also collected and processed for the Planning Board \$3,785.00 in filing fees for the definitive and preliminary subdivision plans.

During the summer months, Mr. Richard MacKinnon, a junior Civil Engineering student at M.I.T., was employed by the department.

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**C. Fred Williams, Superintendent**

**D. Scott Laurie, Administrative Assistant**

**Janet M. Crabbe, Secretary**

**Helen D. Risch, Secretary**

**Charlene LeClerc, Secretary**

The Department of Public Works experienced a year of extremes. In looking back at the winter of 1976-77 we remember the bitter cold that gripped the area, only to be followed by the sweltering heat of one of the hottest summers in 100 years. For 44 consecutive days in January and February, temperatures averaged below freezing, and Mother Nature was most generous, giving our area about 65 inches of snow.

By mid-July we had a sweltering heat wave with temperatures running in the 100's causing people to seek relief at the lakes and seashores. Air conditioners and other cooling devices were used to the extent that the utility companies could not produce enough electricity to meet the demand, resulting in serious blackouts in the Northeast section of the country.

No matter what the weather conditions, the Public Works Department has to function and is one of the several agencies created to produce and maintain facilities and services which our modern urban living requires. The organization and functioning of such an important arm of local government must necessarily be the concern not only of the Public Works Administrator, but also of the Chief Administrator, the Local Legislative Body, and ultimately, the concern of the general public. The number of municipal activities encompassed in municipal public works departments are legion. There are many good reasons for this. They relate to local peculiarities, the size of the community, and the nature of the Town's economic life.

The Public Works Department is actually your Number One Public Safety Unit. Without properly maintained highways, doctors, nurses, ambulances, Fire Departments and Police Departments could not travel or function. The Fire Department is also dependent upon the water system maintained by the Public Works Department in order to pursue their work in fire fighting.

The following activities have been assigned to the Public Works Department: construction and maintenance of streets, sidewalks and storm sewer systems; regulation of street openings, manufacture, installation and maintenance of street name signs, traffic signs and signals; maintenance of motor vehicles, public buildings, off street parking facilities; refuse collection and disposal operations; water distribution system, operation and water treatment of pumping stations; gasoline and fuel supply depots; street lighting; planting and care of street trees including insect pest control; maintenance of parks and cemeteries.



To administer such a program is not only time consuming but takes the cooperation of the Public Works Staff, the Executive Secretary, the Board of Selectmen, the Warrant Committee, the general public and other boards, committees, etc. In planning, whether it be on a day to day basis or long range, one must be aware of the public demand for services and those projects most wanted by the public. Programming and time schedules of priority projects must be tied in with sound fiscal policies. Otherwise, during the inflationary period it would be very difficult to control or stabilize the property tax rate.

## **HIGHWAY DIVISION**

**Frederick J. Markt, Highway Division, Supervisor**  
**Paul R. Lovejoy, Chief Mechanic and Buildings, Foreman**  
**James R. Leighton, Forestry, Foreman**  
**Barrett Greenfield, Construction, Foreman**  
**William P. Roach, Maintenance, Foreman**

The Highway Division was involved in work for several other departments and in a variety of other projects which were brought to completion. Some of the Spring programs were delayed for awhile, however, due to the heavy snow storm of May 10 and 11. This particular storm caused heavy damage to the trees and was very costly. It took several weeks for the department personnel and contractors to clean up the worst of the damage. Fine pruning and maintenance was completed at a later date.

Maintenance projects included street and sidewalk sweeping, patching graveled and graded roads, cemetery work, replacement of street signs, manufacture and installation of new regulatory signs, cross walk and center line marking, drainage system cleaning and repair operation of the sanitary land fill site, rubbish collections, animal burials, sidewalk repairs, roadside clearance and maintenance of Town buildings. Road maintenance consisted of new surfacing of areas, by contract, on South Main Street, Wolomolopoag Street, Massapoag Avenue and Norwood Street. Town forces leveled up and stone sealed twenty streets throughout the Town and stone sealed two parking lots for the School Department.

Construction projects included work in two developments which were taken over by the Town. One of these was supposed to have been done by contract but the contractor's bids were so high that the Department of Public Works had to be called upon to complete the project. Two hundred feet of drainage was added at the sanitary land fill site, one hundred and eight feet of drain pipe was installed at Beaver Brook Development, sixty-five feet of berm and sidewalk was constructed on South Main Street. On Cottage Street two hundred and sixty-five feet of berm and sidewalk were constructed, thirty feet of walk and berm on Rhodes Avenue, thirty-six hundred feet of berm in the Beaver Brook Development was also constructed. The drain was extended and a head wall built on Rhodes Avenue. The dam was repaired at Mann's Pond and new culverts were installed on South Walpole Street and on Mountain Street.



## FORESTRY

C. Fred Williams, Tree Warden

James R. Leighton, Deputy Tree Warden

This was a year of great concern for many people throughout the area who are interested in insect pest control. A controversy arose early in the season as to spray programs, whether to spray or not to spray and what chemicals, if any, should be used. Consequently, several meetings were scheduled, well attended by proponents, opponents and state and local officials. The meetings were very emotional but reason and good judgment resulted in compromises from both sides. Let's hope in the future that people are better informed and that programs are so designed that everyone can be reasonably happy.

The gypsy moth is the most abundant, bothersome and destructive insect that we have to contend with at the present time. Control of this pest has not been possible because owners of large tracts of land where the insect was most prevalent would not permit spraying of the property. The gypsy moth lays her eggs in a mass about the size of a quarter with 300-400 eggs in each mass. State employees aid the Town in counting these egg masses to determine what areas will be most affected by the caterpillar in the spring. The last count made showed areas with up to 5,000 egg masses per acre. These are tremendous counts when you consider 600 egg masses per acre will result in complete defoliation of the trees. If a conifer is completely defoliated the tree will die. Hardwood, however, may be defoliated more than once. But they are weakened to a point each time so that diseases may take over and eventually kill the tree.

The Town is limited in how much it can spray by aircraft or with ground equipment because some land owners do not want spray applied to their property. People who want relief and desire to control these insects can help themselves and their neighbors by doing one or all of the following:

Paint each egg mass with creosote.

Crush the egg masses.

Hire a commercial spray contractor to spray the property.

Spray the property yourself.

If you use or handle pesticides make sure to follow the directions on the label. Remember that most pesticides control the pest by poisoning it and if they are misused can be quite hazardous. **Use caution at all times when handling pesticides.**

Two other insects receiving attention this year were the Eastern Tent Caterpillar and the Fall Web Worm. The nests of both of these insects detract from the beauty of the trees and should be removed and destroyed when first noticed.

The roadside tree maintenance and planting programs continued with the goal in mind to make Sharon a more beautiful Town to live in. Not all people think this way. Last year a great deal of time, effort and money was put into rebuilding and planting choice shrubs and trees at an island at the railroad station. Mrs. Constance Steere was also kind enough to paint a new sign which stated that Sharon is a beautiful place in which to live. The trees and shrubs progressed beyond expectation during the past year. This was all for naught. The new sign, trees and shrubs fell prey to vandals who tore them to shreds. It is a shame that people have to be so thoughtless and destructive.

Following is the yearly report of Albert W. Heuser, Superintendent of the Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project, and a letter from F. David Crowley, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

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## REPORT OF THE NORFOLK COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

Albert W. Heuser, Supertintendent

To the Citizens of Sharon:

Submitted herewith is the report of the Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project of its activities in the Town of Sharon for the year ending December 31, 1977.

Larvicide by backpack and mistblowers	39 acres
Catch basin application for larvicide and adulticide	1,441
Adulticide mistblowing from trucks	10,420 acres
Aerial U.L.V. adulticide application	4,800 acres
Ground U.L.V. adulticide application	6,720 acres
Drainage ditches cleaned	12,477 feet
Brush obstructing drainage cut	2,330 feet
Culverts cleaned and opened	28
Drainage ditch construction	1,125 feet
Recorded calls for information and assistance	308

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT W. HEUSER, Superintendent

**REPORT FROM THE NORFOLK COUNTY  
MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION**

December 31, 1977

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Sharon

The Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project was formed under Chapter 341 of the Acts of 1956. The Project contains twenty-two towns within Norfolk County; the remaining six towns are in Mosquito Control Projects which were established prior to 1956.

Modern-day life-style has created an atmosphere and the opportunity for more rest and relaxation. Outdoor recreation in mosquito-free residential areas is more and more a necessity. Many public recreation areas have limited use whenever there are large numbers of mosquitoes. Furthermore, these insects transmit several diseases of both man and animals.

The major effort of our control program is directed toward the elimination of mosquito breeding sources through drainage and water management techniques. Our diversified year-around programs encompass the best methods, materials and technical equipment available. These programs, using a regional approach, result in better, less expensive and safer control for all of the members towns.

There is a misconception, gaining more and more popularity, that biological control agents or techniques are now operational and ready to take the place of chemical insecticides. Our Project maintains a continuing surveillance of the on-going research and development on mosquito sterilants, parasites, predators, mutants, pheromones, repellants, growth regulators and viruses. Studies to date indicate that they have exorbitant cost factors and a lack of effectiveness in widespread practical application.

The Commissioners of the Project desire to maintain effective liaison with public officials in the member towns in all of our efforts and to make ourselves available throughout the year for assistance on all mosquito problem areas.

The Norfolk County Mosquito Control Commission

F. DAVID CROWLEY, Chairman

## **WATER DIVISION**

**Frederick C. Brauneis, Supervisor**

**Bernard W. Moon, Foreman**

The Water Division was called on many times to help thaw out frozen water services during the severe cold period. These services had been installed in shallow trenches. We really do not appreciate the uninterrupted flow of water from our taps until something like this causes it to stop.

In an effort to keep an adequate water supply for the Town, one pumping station was completely overhauled and a new station was completed and turned into the system. The Safe Drinking Water Act went into effect in June. This started a new sampling procedure which was introduced by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Samples are now collected from 8 different quality control locations throughout the distribution system twice a month. Samples from each well site are also taken. These samples are sent to a certified laboratory for analysis and are also monitored by the state.

Following are some statistics compiled by the Water Division during 1977:

### **WATER DIVISION STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1977**

New Services	31
Services Replaced or Repaired	9
Services Frozen	26
Services Turned On	46
Services Turned Off or On for Plumbers	56
Curb Boxes Replaced or Repaired	97
Gate Boxes Replaced or Repaired	6
New Gates: 6"	20
8"	13
12"	20
Broken Mains	1
Broken Hydrants	1
Hydrants Painted	24
Hydrants Pumped Out	21
Hydrants Flagged	500
Flushing Mains	3 Streets
Pressure Tests and Chlorination	3
New Meters Installed	98
Meters Replaced	219
Meters with O/R's Installed	488
Meters Checked for Pressure	5
Meters Removed	21
Meters Repaired in Homes	48
Meters Rebuilt and Disinfected (in shop)	155
Meters Checked for Readings-for-Passing	185
Summer Meters Installed and Removed	16
New Mains	13,902'



New Hydrants	14
Meters Frozen	8
Replaced Lead Services	8

#### NEW MAINS, GATES AND HYDRANTS:

<b>NORTH MAIN STREET</b>	10,842' 12" Ductile Iron
20 12" Gates	7 Hydrants
1-10" Gate	
5 8" Gates	
13 6" Gates	
1 2" Gate	
<b>EISENHOWER DRIVE</b>	3,000' 8" Ductile Iron
8 8" Gates	6 Hydrants
6 6" Gates	
<b>EAGLE DRIVE</b>	160' 8" Ductile Iron
1 6" Gate	1 Hydrant

The above mains pressure test at 150# psi for two hours and chlorinated at 200 ppm.

#### 1977 MONTHLY PUMPING RECORDS

	Sta. 3	Sta. 4	Sta. 5	Sta. 6	Totals
Jan.	7,037,000	12,944,000	10,510,000	.....	30,491,000
Feb.	14,735,000	6,733,000	11,099,000	.....	32,567,000
Mar.	10,760,00	.....	14,104,000	8,570,000	33,434,000
April	7,035,000	.....	13,634,000	13,197,000	33,866,000
May	6,828,000	8,940,000	14,040,000	16,573,000	46,381,000
June	1,605,000	20,627,000	11,432,000	7,021,000	40,685,000
July	7,297,000	26,469,000	11,421,000	9,712,000	54,899,000
Aug.	5,578,000	17,347,000	10,807,000	8,986,000	42,718,000
Sept.	7,629,000	12,156,000	10,583,000	6,183,000	36,551,000
Oct.	9,706,000	14,137,000	10,973,000	.....	34,816,000
Nov.	7,399,000	16,247,000	8,009,000	.....	31,655,000
Dec.	4,243,000	14,325,000	7,847,000	5,905,000	32,320,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>89,852,000</b>	<b>149,925,00</b>	<b>134,459,000</b>	<b>76,147,000</b>	<b>450,383,000</b>

Greatest amount pumped in one day: July 20, 1977 2,867,000 gallons\*

Least amount pumped in one day: May 9, 1977 529,000 gallons\*\*

Total pumped in 1977 450,383,000 gallons

Total pumped in 1976 402,130,000 gallons

Increase over 1976 48,253,000 gallons

\*During July heat wave — 5 days of over 98° temperature

\*\*During freak May snow storm

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## CIVIL DEFENSE

**Bernard M. Rosenberg, Director**

**Stephen B. Cohen, Director of Public Information**

The year 1977 was one of great change for Sharon's Civil Defense.

The election year saw C.D. Director Adolf Arnold resign to take on his new post as Town Selectman.

Deputy Director Bernard Rosenberg was sworn in as Director.

National Civil Defense changes in attitude now stress Civil Defense more as a disaster control organization than as one dealing mostly with preparation for nuclear attack.

With this increased emphasis on an "all-purpose" disaster control organization came a membership drive which resulted in new, young blood. C.D. membership almost doubled as the group took on the image of an agency which was working to help better the town at all times during all crises.

Emergency Communications for the entire C.D. Sector in Eastern Massachusetts saw vast improvement as Communications Directors Ed Blank and Mike Corman led their department in putting the Sharon C.D. Amateur Radio Repeater Station WR1AGL on the air. The repeater guarantees crystal-clear communications during an emergency and can carry a message to and from as far away as parts of Connecticut and New Hampshire.

Newly appointed Deputy Director Barry Zlotin was responsible for the highly successful "Operation Blackout '77," a training exercise which simulated 37 hours of blackout and flash flood disaster. The practical test of this training came in May with the snow and ice storms that left the town without light, heat and, in many instances, food. An Emergency Shelter was set up with hot food, cots, blankets and even TV — with the cooperation of the Sharon School Department — for the many senior citizens who were evacuated from Hixson Farm Road and the many other townspeople who could not longer weather the storm.

After this crisis many hours were spent examining weak spots in our evacuation procedures resulting in our publishing an official procedure bulletin to help the town should the need again arise.

Utility Officers Richard Hoffman and Lou Indeck took great advantage of two town gifts to Civil Defense. C.D. acquired both the old Town Ambulance and Public Works vehicle. The ambulance has been refitted by these two men and is now fully operational as the town's first completely mobile First Aid station. Its usefulness was demonstrated during the Fourth of July weekend as it followed parades, was set up at field events and, with its staff of qualified nurses, administered first aid to those in need.

The Public Works vehicle has been put into service as an all-purpose vehicle. It can be used in evacuations and, since it is now outfitted with a trailer hitch, can haul the newly overhauled snowmobile trailer. This trailer can be used not only to transport the snowmobile but, now fitted with special equipment, to haul generators and carry working searchlights.

Most importantly this year was the expanded role of the Department of Public Information. An effort to keep the townspeople consciously aware of what Civil Defense was doing at all times has resulted in larger membership and more public participation.

A new experiment in public awareness was carried out by the Public Information Department. Courses were offered in those areas Civil Defense officials feel the people should be better informed. With the help of Medical Officer Marv Lourie a pilot program in CPR was given which saw the certification of most of our C.D. members and other interested town citizens. The great success of this course stimulated a new series in radiological monitoring, which is designed to train the average person in the use of methods and materials used to detect radiation leakage, especially in an area so close to nuclear power generating stations.

If this program proves as successful as the CPR course, many more will be planned in a continuing series to keep the public aware.

The new look in C.D. is one of practical applications to disaster situations. The main goal is to create as much town interest as possible in order to educate people to handle such occurrences.

There is still plenty of room for expansion within the Civil Defense department, and new members with innovative ideas are constantly being sought. It is Director Rosenberg's hope that C.D.'s performance during the past year will generate new interest in C.D. by the townspeople and provide them with the understanding that Civil Defense strives to be a living organization whose purpose is to work for and with the town.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**Chief James A. Polito**

**Deputy Chief Stanley McLean**

**Capt. Irving Traut**

**Lt. John Van Vaerenwyck**

**Lt. George Little, Jr.**

### **Permanent**

**Pvt. Robert Dubois**

**Pvt. Edwin S. Little**

**Pvt. Paul Fleming**

**Pvt. G. Bradford Osborne**

**Pvt. Michael Greenfield**

**Pvt. Bryant Simpson**

**Pvt. Charles Healy, Jr.**

**Pvt. Paul Spender**

### **Callmen**

**Lt. Elliot Darrow**

**Richard Knott**

**William C. Bishop**

**Robert Lindberg**

**William E. Bishop**

**Roger Lobban**

**Robert Fifield**

**Walter B. Roach, Jr.**

**Adrian Hardy**

**Leon Wolfson**

Two more members of the Fire Department have completed and received certification as Emergency Medical Technicians: Pvt. Paul Spender and Pvt. Robert Dubois. Plans are now under way for the training of the final two privates which will assure that each ambulance run will be manned by two competent, well-trained firefighters. All members of the department are certified in Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation.

Regular training sessions (drills) were held bi-monthly with both Permanent and Call members of the Department in attendance. In addition, in-service training was held by the Permanent men throughout the year.

Yearly inspections and drills were made at the schools and the Sharon Manor Nursing Home. In accordance with the State Department of Public Safety the Sharon Public Schools were inspected under Fire Prevention Rules and Regulations and the findings of said inspections were forwarded to the Superintendent of Schools so that all violations of the Safety Codes could be resolved for the benefit of all concerned.

Deputy Chief Stanley McLean has continued to attend the monthly meetings of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors.

### **CHIEF WALTER B. ROACH**

On April 30, 1977, the Town of Sharon's first, full-time Fire Chief, Chief Walter B. Roach, retired. A gala occasion was held in his honor at the Four-hundred Club in Easton and was attended by over three hundred people who felt they must pay tribute to "Bernie", the man who gave such long and meritorious service to the Town. Chief Roach became associated with the Fire Department when it was a fledgeling Call Department. Through his perseverance, arduous efforts and genuine caring he raised the Sharon Fire Department to where it is today. Al-



though his retirement home is in Wareham, Massachusetts, he will be long remembered and certainly not forgotten by the grateful residents of the Town of Sharon.

## FIRE ALARM

### Captain Irving Traut in Charge

General maintenance of the fire alarm system was capably handled throughout the Town under the efficient direction and supervision of Capt. Traut. During the surprise snowstorm of May, 1977 our fire alarm wires suffered what we believed to be irreparable damage. Capt. Traut and his crew of Firefighters working long and laborious hours accomplished only what could be deemed as an impossible task; that of restoring the system to its original condition. The damage to overhead lines was so extensive that we had to enlist the greatly appreciated services of Canton and Stoughton's Bucket Trucks.

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

National Fire Prevention Week was designated as the week of October 9 through October 15, 1977. In conjunction with this program, a poster contest was run for the fourth-grade pupils at each Elementary School, depicting their own ideas for FIRE PREVENTION. One winner was chosen from each school on the basis of originality and artistic merit. The prize awarded to each child was the opportunity to be driven home from school in a Fire Engine, resplendent in a "genuine fire helmet" and with sirens blaring.

## WINNERS OF THE CONTEST

Heights Elementary School — Jean Marie Ahearn

East Elementary School — Naomi Weiner

Cottage St. Elementary School — Tammy Miller

Also during this week a program and exercise was voluntarily put on by the Firefighters at each of the Elementary Schools giving the children the chance to inspect our Fire Vehicles and to see an actual demonstration with the aerial ladder. The students, likewise, were allowed to carefully examine the Town Ambulance and to observe first-hand the operational facilities of same.

## "JAWS OF LIFE"

On Thursday, November 10, 1977 the Sharon Fire Department acquired the Hurst Tool — "Jaws of Life", its primary function being ready access to persons trapped in motor vehicles; thereby saving valuable time in extricating and transporting injured parties to medical facilities.

All members of the Department have had training and actual handling of this tool to familiarize themselves with this life-saving device and to

best afford the Town of Sharon the expertise and use of the most modern of equipment.

“FIRST” FOR THE TOWN OF SHARON

For the first time in the history of the Town of Sharon two babies were delivered in the Town Ambulance en route to the hospital. The first delivery was on July 15, 1977; a little girl was born to Mrs. Joan Levine of 221 Billings Road, Wollaston at the corner of Route 27 near High Plain Street. The “Doctors” who so ably handled the situation were Firefighters Robert Dubois, Paul Fleming and James Polito.

The second delivery occurred on August 11, 1977; a healthy baby girl was born to Mrs. Sabbag of Essex Road, Sharon. Enroute delivery was performed by Firefighter Robert Dubois and Police Officer Walter Badger. The ambulance was being driven by Firefighter Michael Greenfield.

APPARATUS

- Lt. John Van Vaerenewyck in Charge of Maintenance
- 1946 Maxim — 750 Gal. Pumper (Used for Stand-by)
- 1952 Ford — 500 Gal. Pumper (500 Gal. Tank)
- 1959 Ford — 500 Gal. Pumper (500 Gal. Tank)
- 1969 Engine 1 — 1,000 Gal. Pumper
- 1971 Dodge Power with Winch for Emergency Calls
- 1976 Engine 2 — 1,000 Gal. Pumper
- 1976 Ford Fire Alarm Truck with Bucket
- 1952 Maxim-Aerial Ladder — 75 Footer
- (20 years old — in need of major overhaul)

Lt. John Van Vaerenewyck has had the complete responsibility of the maintenance of the Fire Department Apparatus. He has conscientiously strived to keep a close check on the operating capacities of our equipment, discovering and rectifying minor problems thus avoiding costly, major repairs. Having our trucks well-maintained and ready to move at a moment’s notice is an integral part of the over-all efficiency of our Department. With the exception of the Maxim-Aerial Ladder Truck which is in need of a major overhaul, our apparatus is in good to excellent working condition.

OPERATIONAL RECORD

TOTAL FIRE CALLS FOR THE YEAR 1977: 1,109	
BOX ALARMS, STILL ALARMS AND SQUAD CALLS	
Malfunctioning Building Alarms	32
House and Building Fires	27
TV Fires	5
Dryer Fires	2

Refrigerator Fires	2
Stove Fires	8
Dishwasher Fires	3
Electrical Problems and Fires	61
Gas and Gasoline Problems	12
Smoke Investigations	80
Brush Fires	107
Forest and Wood Fires	2
Motor Vehicle Fires	65
Dumpster Fires	3
False Alarms	26
Accidental Alarms	12
Water Pressure Surge	4
Accidents	9
Squad Calls	7
Mutual Aid to Other Towns	8
Wash-downs	6
Chimney Fires	3
Oil Burner and Gas Burner Problems	13
Bomb Scares	1
Stand-by for Storms	2
Others	55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>555</b>

#### AID CALLS

Ambulance	331
First-Aid	12
Water Problems	89
Lock-outs	25
Jack-out Box	6
E.M.T. Assistance	9
Delivery of Baby	2
Accidents	10
Assistance at Fire Station	7
Assistance to Other Town Departments	9
Wash-downs	6
Others	48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>554</b>

#### TOTAL COST OF BOX ALARMS, FALSE ALARMS, ACCIDENTAL ALARMS AND STAND-BY

Month of:	Cost
January	\$1,112.36
February	491.12
March	1,127.59
April	6,193.39
May	5,419.93

June	2,235.00
July	2,203.92
August	1,210.80
September	1,798.23
October	1,501.00
November	882.25
December	1,360.78
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	\$25,536.37

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Addition of four (4) Permanent Men to the Department.

Major overhaul of the twenty-year old ladder truck which includes:

- 1.) Repair of 75 ft. 4-section ladder.
- 2.) Installation of power steering.
- 3.) Installation of an air brake system.
- 4.) Repair of battery compartments and hold down.

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## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Albert R. Horan, Chief**

During the Year 1977, there was a total of five hundred (500) reported auto accidents — 83 more than in 1976. Of these accidents four hundred eighty-four (484) were reported to the Registry of Motor Vehicles as required by Chapter 90, Section 26 of the General Laws: one hundred seven (107) claimed personal injury and property damage; three hundred seventy-five (375) claimed property damage only; two (2) claimed personal injury only. The remaining sixteen (16) were minor accidents. In the report of accidents released by this office, it was indicated that of the 500 accidents reported in the town, a total of 127 occurred on North and South Main Streets — 23 more than in 1976. Following in importance was Route 1 and the interchanges of Route 95 and South Main Street where 47 mishaps occurred. There were 42 accidents on Norwood Street/Upland Road/Depot Street (Route 27), and 33 were reported on Route 95 North and South. Three motor vehicle accidents resulted in four deaths during 1977.

The report also shows that 241 accidents occurred between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m., and 86 accidents between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday were the most dangerous days of the week when 245 accidents occurred. Sideswipe accidents



were the leading type, totalling 163, almost one-third of all accidents. Off the road accidents were second with a total of 143, and intersection collisions followed with 97. As a result of the report, all motorists are cautioned to be especially alert when driving on North and South Main Streets, when using Route 1 and the interchanges, and in particular at the other locations noted above.

The department, during said year, responded to three hundred fifty-seven (357) emergency ambulance calls for transportation of patients to the various hospitals. Fourteen officers have completed the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course, an eighty-one hour course sponsored through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This course qualifies the officers as certified personnel on ambulance work, and refresher course requirements are being met throughout the year in order for recertification.

Our department is continuing to train officers in specialty areas, and the year 1977 has proved to be the most productive as follows:

#### **JANUARY**

**EMT Certification Course** (81 hours) at Holliston Junior College — Officers Walter Badger, Harry Carlson, Joseph Cuneo and Sergeant Robert Ford.

#### **MARCH**

**Family Crisis Intervention** (3 days) at Dean Junior College sponsored by Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council — Officer Harry Carlson and Special Officers John Ahern and Charles Wentworth.

**Attorney General's Drug Abuse Seminar** (8 days) at Dean Junior College — Officer Harry Carlson.

**Command Training Institute** (3 weeks) at Babson College sponsored by N. E. Institute for Law Enforcement Management — Sergeant Harold Donovan.

#### **APRIL**

**Municipal Investigators School** (10 days) at State Police Academy sponsored by Department of Public Safety — Detective James Keating and Officer Robert Carroll.

**Southeastern Massachusetts Regional Police Training Academy** (3 months) at Bristol Community College — Officer Walter Badger.

**Auto Theft Seminar** (1 day) at Dean Junior College — sponsored by Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council — Special Officers John Ahern and Daniel Sirkin.

#### **MAY**

**Crime Scene Search School** (10 days) at State Police Academy sponsored by Department of Public Safety — Officers Russell Mann and Lawrence Phaneuf.

## **JUNE**

**Identi-Kit Training Class** (2 days) at Metropolitan District Police Academy — Officers James Mathews and Sidney Pratt.

**Rape Investigation** (4 days) at Quincy Police Department sponsored by Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council — Lieutenant Bernard Coffey and Town Nurse Jane Gilmore.

## **SEPTEMBER**

**Photographic Theory** (2 days) at Pine Manor Junior College sponsored by Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council — Officer Robert Carroll and Detective James Keating.

**Municipal Investigators School** (10 days) at State Police Academy sponsored by Department of Public Safety — Officers Russell Mann, Lawrence Phaneuf and Detective Arthur Reid.

**Municipal Police Officers Training Class** ( 3 months) at State Police Academy — Officer Harry Carlson, President of 67th Class, and Officer Richard Sloggett, Top Shooter Award for firing 351 out of possible 360 points.

**FBI Firearms Instructors' Training School** (5 days) at Camp Curtis Guild — Sergeant John Butler.

## **OCTOBER**

**Chemical Agents & Equipment Class** (1 day) at Angletree Gun Club sponsored by Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council — Sergeant Robert Ford.

**Fire Fighting Training Exercise** for gases and liquified natural gas (1 day) at Boston Fire Department Training Facility sponsored by Algonquin Gas Transmission Company — Officer Joseph Cuneo.

**35mm Techniques Course** (2 days) sponsored by Nikon School of Photography — Officer Robert Carroll and Detective James Keating.

## **NOVEMBER**

**EMT Survival Course** (3 days) in New Hampshire — Sergeant Robert Ford.

**Homocide Seminar** (5 days) at Pine Manor Junior College sponsored by the District Attorney — Detective James Keating.

**Command Training Institute** (3 weeks) at Babson College sponsored by N. E. Institute for Law Enforcement Management — Sergeant John Butler.

In-service training has continued with the department using four outside colleges as a training resource. Additional department training sessions covered firearms training under both day and night conditions. We are proud to announce that eight officers now have degrees as follows:

Walter Badger — Associate in Science, Law Enforcement — Massachusetts Community College

Robert Carroll — Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration — St. Michael's College

Albert Horan — Associate in Science, Law Enforcement — Massasoit Community College; Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice Administration, University of Massachusetts; Master's Degree, Public Administration, Suffolk University

James Keating — Bachelor of Science, Law Enforcement — Northeastern University

Clifford Keeling — Associate in Science, Law Enforcement — Massasoit Community College

James Mathews — Associate in Science, Law Enforcement — Stonehill College

Stephen Metrick — Associate in Science, Law Enforcement — Dean Junior College

Joseph Puchalski — Bachelor of Science, Law Enforcement — Northeastern University; Master's Degree, Education — Suffolk University

The following officers are continuing their education in the schools as listed:

Northeastern University — John Butler

Massasoit Community College — Bernard Coffey, George Markt, Sidney Pratt, Arthur Reid, Richard Slogett

Stonehill College — Clifford Keeling, Russell Mann, Lawrence Phaneuf

Dean Junior College — James Testa

In conjunction with the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration's (LEAA) Law Enforcement Education Program (LEEP), the officers listed above have their education financed through full or partial grants for tuition.

We have continued for a sixth year our intensified selective enforcement program on traffic violators. Accident figures have this year, however, increased as have violators, which indicates that there is no correlation with strong enforcement and a low accident rate. The weather, however, appears to be the strongest factor in our accident rate with January, December, and the severe storm in May of this year accounting for more than one-third of all accidents. The highway safety vehicle assigned to Sharon through the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau has been in use since its acquisition in April. Selective enforcement has been assisted to a great degree by its full time use in this program.

Housebreaks, which are still our leading and most serious property offense, have shown an increase of only three this past year. Our records indicate a high clearance rate for this offense as a result of more intensive investigations and cooperation with other local police departments.



We continue to solicit public cooperation by asking that citizens report suspicious circumstances that warrant investigation. Daytime breaks are the most prevalent, sometimes occurring during short absences. Our success during this past year has been due mainly to public cognizance of property crimes, generally, and the assistance granted to the police in reporting and appearing as witnesses. Auto thefts have also shown a decrease which, again, is due mainly to public awareness and cooperation.

On traffic safety, the department cooperated to the fullest extent with the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, the Massachusetts Safety Council, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety. Officer Stephen Metrick has entered his eighth year as our Safety Officer giving instruction at all levels in our public schools. Emphasis has been in the areas of pedestrian safety and the operation of bicycles. Present plans are to continue the Washington, D.C., safety trip for the safety patrol officers at the Intermediate School, the same made possible with the financial aid of our business establishments and fund raising programs. Officer Metrick is a member of the Massachusetts Safety Officers League and attends all meetings to keep abreast of training and instructional procedures.

The Sharon Special Police (Auxiliary) have met on a number of occasions and show several new members replacing those who have retired or moved from the community. The group is active with meetings and attends all sessions of the regular police in-service training. Captain Joseph Petrosky and Lieutenant Charles Garnhum act as liaison between their members and the office of the Chief of Police. The members have continued their cruiser riding program whereby they volunteer during the evening hours to ride with regular officers and learn police procedures. They have proved invaluable in situations which require a large number of officers on short notice, such as, unusual weather conditions and natural disasters. Their donated services at other public functions, such as, July 4th, Town Meetings, etc., have saved considerable money and permitted the functions to be held insuring the public safety.

The department received ten thousand seven hundred sixty-eight (10,768) recorded telephone calls requesting information and registering complaints.

Communications from the Registry of Motor Vehicles reported thirty-two (32) licenses as suspended or revoked.

During the year the department made service on three hundred sixty-seven (367) outside summonses and warrants.

On police measures during the year 1977, there were four hundred fifty-nine (459) arrests and prosecutions for seven hundred sixteen (716) offenses as follows:

Allowing Improper Person to Operate	1
Armed Robbery	1
Arson	1
Assault & Battery	6



Assault w/Dangerous Weapon	1
Attaching Plates	6
Attempted Breaking and Entering	3
Breaking and Entering, Daytime	18
Breaking and Entering, Nighttime	6
Bomb Threats	2
Crosswalk—Fail to Yield for Pedestrian	1
Deface Public Building	2
Deface serial number on Mechanical Device	1
Disorderly Person	7
Displaying Flashing Red Light w/o Permit	1
Failing to keep right	7
Failing to keep within marked lanes	3
Failing to show police officer license	1
Failing to slow at intersection	20
Failing to slow for curve	9
Failing to stop for police officer	11
Failing to stop for school bus	1
Failing to use care in turning	3
Following too closely	1
Faulty equipment	4
Forgery	2
Habitual Truant	1
Illegal Parking	1
Impeded operation	1
Indecent exposure	3
Injury to railroad signal	1
Larceny, by check	1
Larceny, inspection stickers	1
Larceny, over \$100	11
Larceny, under \$100	17
Leaving scene of accident after causing property damage	4
Malicious burning, dwelling house	2
Malicious damage to personal property	1
Malicious injury to building	16
No front license plate	1
No inspection sticker	12
Operating after revocation	5
Operating after suspension of license	2
Operating motorcycle w/o headgear	2
Operating motor vehicle on sidewalk	1
Operating so as to endanger	14

Operating under influence of controlled substance	2
Operating under influence of liquor	16
Operating uninsured vehicle	25
Operating unregistered vehicle	23
Operating w/o eye protection (motorcycle)	1
Operating w/o license	22
Operating w/o license (after dark)	2
Operating w/o license in possession	21
Operating w/o licensed operator (adult)	2
Operating w/o registration in possession	19
Operating w/o taillights	1
Operating wrong way on one way street	1
Passing, obstructed view	14
Passing, unlawful	1
Possession alcoholic beverage (minor)	1
Possession of burglarious tools	1
Possession of dangerous weapon	2
Possession of marijuana	9
Possession of marijuana with intent to distribute	3
Rape	1
Receiving stolen property	4
Runaway	1
Speeding	271
Trespassing	5
Truancy	1
Unnecessary noise	1
Using motor vehicle w/o authority	4
Uttering	3
Violation Article 3 Section 3-3 (fail to obey roadway markings, etc.)	6
Violation Article 4 Section 1 (fail to stay within marked lanes)	3
Violation Article 4 Section 10A (fail to stop for red light)	4
Violation Article 4 Section 18 (illegal U-turn)	1
Violation Article 7 Section 7-1 (fail to use care in passing)	1
Violation Article 7 Section 7-3 (obstructing traffic)	3
Violation Article 7 Section 7-6 (fail to use care in starting, etc.)	14
Violation Article 7 Section 7-11 (fail to stop for stop sign)	6

Violation Article 7 Section 12 (fail to observe keep right sign)	2
Violation Article 7 Section 9 (fail to stop for red light)	1
Wilfull burning, motor vehicle	1
Wilfull setting of fire	1

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Dealer licenses, firearms	3
Firearms ID cards issued	96
Firearms licenses	95
Liquor Purchase ID cards issued	17
Parking violations	232
Registry action, violation notice	573

**Juvenile cases:**

1 juvenile adjudicated delinquent, committed to DYS (Division of Youth Services)

25 juveniles entered diversionary program

26 juvenile cases continued to 1978

Fines imposed — \$11,332.00

Restitution paid — \$5,172

14 defendants entered alcohol prevention program

Sentences imposed — 5 years, House of Correction

1977 cases to 1978 — 113 (includes alcohol prevention program, juvenile diversionary program, and continued cases)

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## DOG OFFICER

**Edwin S. Little, Officer**

**Edward D. Chase, Assistant**

A total of 1,380 complaints were received and acted upon in 1977. Of this number, it was necessary to prosecute 26 dog owners in District Court for the violation of the Dog Control Law. For the above violations, \$180.00 in fines and fees were collected and turned over to proper authorities.

Most of the 60 dogs reported lost were found and returned to their owners. 200 stray dogs were picked up and destroyed after the mandatory seven-day waiting period.

Twenty-three dogs were sold to private individuals and money thus collected was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

# INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Edwin S. Little, Inspector

The Animal Control Division inspects animals for the Town of Sharon, and for the State Health Department under Chapter 129, Section 19. This procedure involves inspection of the animals for any contagious disease and for the environment in which they are kept. The following animals were inspected:

8 Sheep	190 Horses
29 Dairy Cows	30 Ponies
5 Beef Cows	6 Swine

The following animals were quarantined for a period of ten days for biting:

8 Dogs — 1 Cat

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## DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

James E. Mathews, Sealer

During the year 1977, all business establishments in the town with devices or commodities which come under the jurisdiction of the Department of Weights and Measures were visited. The weighing or measuring devices used were inspected, adjusted when necessary to bring them within the acceptable tolerances, and sealed.

Numerous requests were received to check the accuracy of devices used to weigh or measure commodities, and to check pre-packaged goods put up for sale by retailers. Also, to check and measure cord wood sold within the town and the regulations pertaining to these commodities were enforced.

The following is a list of the activities of this department for the year 1977:

### SEALINGS

Prescription Balances	4
Weights	69
Scales	18
Gasoline Pump Meters	25

### INSPECTIONS

Gasoline Pump Meters	49
Vehicle Tank Deliveries	65
Scales	48
Pre-packaged Goods	151
Cord Wood	1

There were 314 inspections made of scales, meters, fuel deliveries, and pre-packaged goods. All sealing fees collected were turned in to the Town Treasurer.



# HEALTH, EDUCATION and WELFARE

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Janice Adler**

**Henrietta Becker**

**Eugene Flynn**

**Lawrence Newcomb**

**Walter Reeve**

**Theodore Waldron**

**Edward Welch, Chairman**

Most of the efforts of the Commission in 1977 were devoted to problems concerning wetlands and their protection from encroachment by construction plans. A number of wetlands hearings were held resulting in orders of condition which placed certain restrictions on filling and drainage. As these engineering and legal problems become more technical and complex, it has become apparent that we will need qualified consultants in these areas from time to time and are requesting funds in the next budget for this purpose.

A tract of fifteen acres of woodland bordering Mansfield Street was graciously donated to the Commission by Mr. Frank Simoni of Norwood. Another two acres off Colburn Drive was purchased from Mr. Bruce Bayley at the assessed value. Several other land acquisitions were pending at the time this report was written.

Last winter the level of Lake Massapoag was lowered to expose the bottom weed so that they would winterkill. Due to the weather this proved of limited usefulness, but it is being tried again in the winter of 1977-78 with the hope it will be more successful. The low water did permit landowners to clean up some of the debris along their beaches.

One hundred Norway Spruce and autumn olive plants were planted on conservation land by Mr. Walter Reeve.

## BORDERLANDS STATE PARK

Where in Sharon can you find an original signature of Abraham Lincoln, a glacial boulder that weighs 500 tons, a house that has half an acre of living space, a red swamp containing bog iron, and marble relief portraits done by Daniel Chester French, sculptor of the Lincoln Memorial statue?

These and thousands of other natural and man-made wonders can be found at Borderland State Park.

We who comprise the Borderland State Park Advisory Council have the usually pleasant task of advising on matters concerning the administration and expansion of park facilities.

During the past year we have decided to increase parking area, finally getting approval for an additional loop to reduce Massapoag Avenue congestion.

We have also acquired some land, formerly owned by Mr. Cummings, which was enclosed by the park. This enables us to better define our boundaries.

We conduct tours of the Ames Mansion—6 of them during the spring and fall months. Three floors of the house are explored and described by volunteer guides. The tours are free and dates will be published ahead of time.

The "Friends of Borderland", a separate organization that supports all kinds of park activities is immensely helpful in publicizing the park and increasing its use. The "Friends" sponsor concerts, skating parties, kite contests, and walks to study geology, wild flowers, and mushrooms.

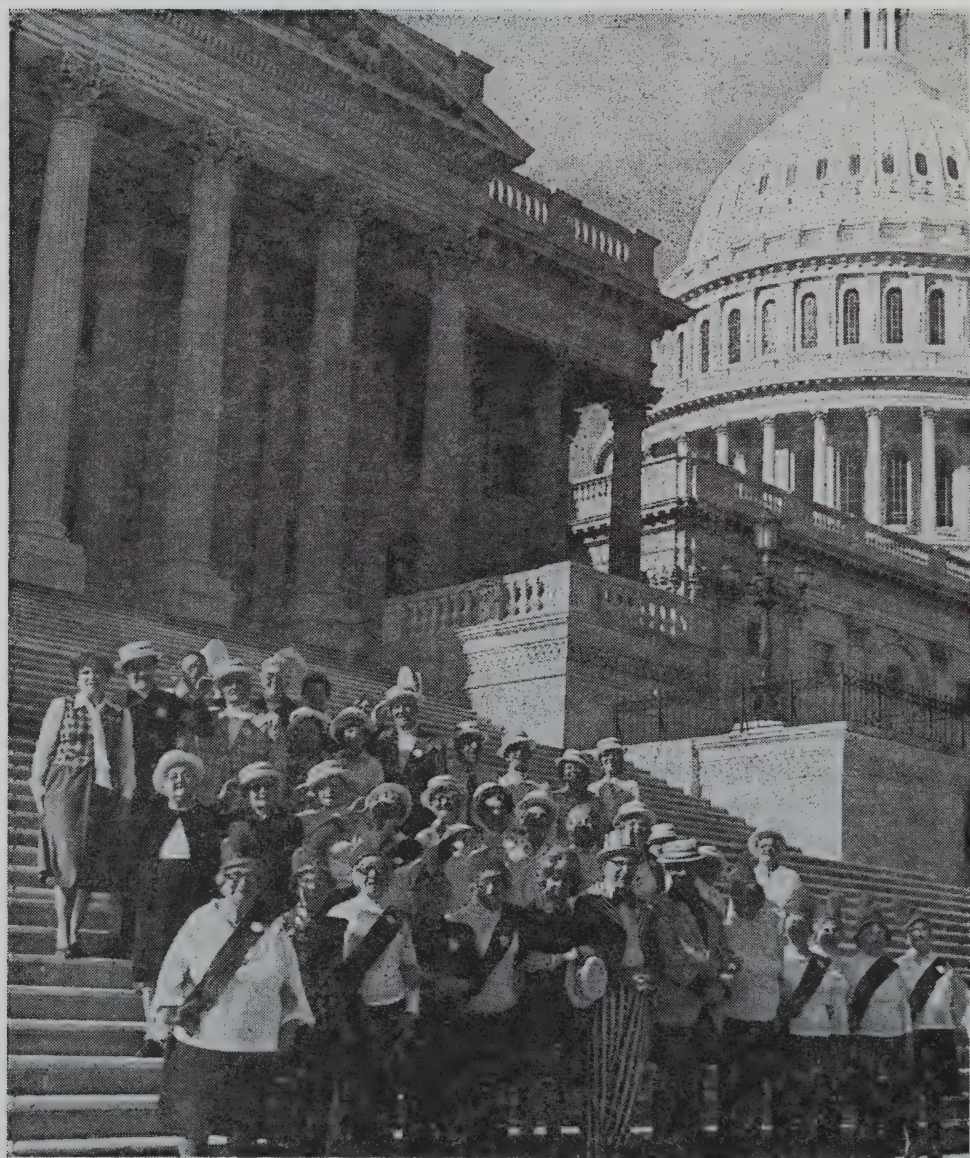
This year a mounted patrol staffed by members of the Sharon Police Force became an innovative addition to the park facilities. The patrol will be used selectively at the discretion of the park superintendent, Roger McNamara.

Borderland is open every day from sunrise to sunset. Boating, fishing, skating, cross-country skiing, hiking, horseback riding, bicycling, tennis and picnicking are all encouraged. No motors are allowed and dogs must be leashed.

Sharon residents who belong to the Council are Don Kupperstein, David Clapp, Oakes Plimpton and Jean Santos. For information on the park and its facilities, call 784-5835.

Jean Santos





"SENIORS ON THE GO" ON THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

## **COUNCIL ON AGING**

**Dale L. Van Meter, Chairman**

**Jane Gilmore**

**Lillian Clough**

**Leon Leavitt**

**Fr. Don Milligan**

**John H. Thompson**

**David I. Clifton**

The year of 1977 was the first year of the three hundreth year of the town of Sharon, and for the Council on aging it began with their float in the Fourth of July celebration winning the first prize. The theme of the float was built around a bridge, an intergenerational bridge in the midst of life. It was an eye catching and thought provoking theme as evidenced by the placing for First Prize.

The "Seniors on the Go" continued to travel, giving productions in nursing homes, Community Centers, Hospitals, and Senior Centers in New England. And then, the great day came when they were invited by Congresswoman Heckler to come to Washington! It was a great morning when various Town Officials gathered at the Community Center to see the "Seniors on the Go" start that memorable trip to Washington. We extend a special word of appreciation to Director Pat Dutton, Assistant Director Libby Kafka, writer Alyce Stern, pianist Joyce White, and Shelah Hiltz for costumes and scenery.

Getting from place to place is a necessary part of life, and this is possible in Sharon due to the bus. We express appreciation to the Driver, Kenneth Chase, for his consistent and thoughtfulness and careful driving in expressing his concern for the individual Senior.

This year the Council has continued its planning for a co-ordinating service organization as a Home Care Corporation. Our participating representative in this has been, and is, Mr. John H. Thompson, who is a member of the Board of Directors of the new King Philip Elder Services which is new this year. We hope the next step will be a Nutrition Program for those 60 years or over in the Town of Sharon, and that such a program will include a "Meals on Wheels" program for the temporarily house-bound individual.

Part of the Nutrition Program is a preventive health care program, and we hope, also, to see this realized within the year.





**Left to Right: Gussie Lamb, Congresswoman Margaret Heckler, Mike Ahearn, Ann Ntishin**

Changes have been part of the Council this year as in other years. We welcome to the Council Jane Gilmore a new member this year. John H. Thompson, who had completed the unexpired term of Lillian Keeling, was appointed to a term on the Council, and we welcome him. Leon Leavitt is recuperating after a long illness, and we miss him.

We look forward to new outreach, and activities, as we are to have the services of a Senior Aide, a position created and funded through King Philip Elder Services by a grant under Title IX of The Older Americans Act. We will also have, one other individual funded under CETA. We will be interested in your reaction, ideas, and constructive criticism as the year progresses.

Your attention is called to the council membership which is open to any resident of Sharon who is 62 years of age or over. The membership is now more than 600. How can you afford not to join?

Any report would be remiss if it did not express appreciation to David I. Clifton, and to the Recreation Department, for this constant and untiring support of the many and varied activities of the Council on Aging.

## **HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**Harold Lew, Chairman**

**William Crawford, Vice Chairman**

**Faith Albert, Secretary**

**Thomas Watkins, Treasurer**

**Solomon Levenson, Assistant Treasurer**

**BUSINESS** — briefly — highlights of 1977 at Hixson Farm Road — Ralph Hynes, our former treasurer\* for many years, retired from the Housing Authority with a well-deserved vote of thanks for his capable and loyal service. Tom Watkins was voted by the annual Town Meeting as the new treasurer — The Tenants Association elected officers for the 1977-78 year as follows:

President	— Mrs. Minnie Freeman
Vice President	— Mrs. Esther Comeau
Vice President	— Mrs. Anna Nitishin
Rec'dg. Sec'y.	— Mrs. Dora Gladstone
Fin'l Sec'y.	— Mrs. Josephine Gore
Treasurer	— Mrs. Jennie Lewis
Happy Day Fund	— Mrs. Gertrude Carroll and Mrs. Mary Miller

A Grievance Committee was formed according to State regulations with Sharon residents Mrs. A. Berman, Mr. M. Katz, Fr. R. Quinn, Rabbi B. Rosen, and Mrs. N. Waldron comprising the committee — the Authority voted to join the State Retirement Plan for employees of the Authority and also to accept he mandated Unemployment Insurance Program — Cold weather last winter made an additional grant from the Department of Community Affairs (D.C.A.) necessary to meet electric heating bills that soared — All insurance policies were reviewed before renewal. Most are purchased via State-wide contracts set up by the DCA — A letter was sent to Secretary Flynn of the DCA to learn whether the State was accepting new applications for elderly housing (earlier word had shut off all applications). Answered in the negative but promised new data for January, 1978 — Various Authority members attended the four quarterly workshops of the Blackstone Valley regional association of housing authorities. Mutual problems are discussed, status of programs updated and specific area problems reviewed — The annual rental re-evaluation was conducted in August with tenants cooperating promptly. Any changes were advised by 24 August — By agreement, the Sharon Library service at the Community Building was discontinued. With the cooperation of the Recreation Department, a weekly bus trip to Sharon Center was initiated for local errands and for library stops — We have had a number of current books and magazines of general interest donated to the Community Building library and our outgoing treasurer, Ralph Hynes, donated a year's subscription to the Reader's Digest.

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AT HIXSON FARM ROAD** — There were many noteworthy events plus various goodwill operations — Seniors on the Go, including eight from Hixson Farm Road, travelled to D.C. and put on three performances of their now famous musical comedy — Kudos go to the Sharon Garden Club led by Connie Olson for planning and providing some wonderful trees and shrubs to grace the buildings and grounds. The Sharon Jaycees and our grounds superintendent, Charlie Garnhum, handled the muscle work for the plantings and tenants in various buildings did the daily watering necessary to bring the plants along — Additionally various tenants established flower gardens around their buildings whilst others grew vegetables in the beds prepared south of the bulidings — Several notable anniversaries were celebrated, Mr. & Mrs. Morris Aronson and Mr. & Mrs. Harry Grossman 50th anniversaries — Mr. & Mrs Jack Zeldin their 52nd and Dr. & Mrs. Aaron Flink, their 63rd anniversary — Thanks are due Jack Zeldin, who raises and lowers the flag daily outside the Community Building — and many thanks to Guy Pietro, who constantly watches and prunes the shrubbery. Anna Donovan and Anna Grant (the Ann's have it) donated time and effort to cleaning the Laundry Buildings — The Tenant's Association from their own funds donated equipment for Beano games which have been extremely popular — Birthday recognition parties have been held by and for tenants in their birthday months — A stereo record player was donated by Anna Donovan for the Community Building, expanding the scopeof enjoyable pastimes available therein.



**CONCLUDING** — We regret to report the passing of four of our treasured tenants. Condolences for the families were expressed for the Authority by the Executive Secretary — Only three new tenants could be added from the waiting list — Condition of the apartments and buildings continues good, due to the efforts of our tenants and our hard-working Maintenance and Grounds Superintendent — and the tenant relations and paper work are commendably handled by our Executive Secretary, Carolyn Falby — As a result of last winter, everyone was reminded to keep on hand a working flashlight, candles and in the event of a prolonged outage of electric power, the Civil Defense Unit in Sharon is prepared to set up housekeeping in the Junior High School, beds and board. In such an emergency, the number to call is 784-5631, but only if there is a prolonged outage and rooms become cool.

**SUMMARIZING** — The elderly housing complex passed another successful year, had some new experiences, maintained the excellent cooperation between tenants and the Authority, received a satisfactory report from the auditors and continues to update and revise procedures as the DCA revises its rules and regulations.

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## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHARON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

### **Library Trustees**

**Malcolm R. Farquhar, Chairman**

**Beatrice Dingman**

**Sydney S. Morgan**

**Frances Berger**

**Fred A. Rosenberg**

**Constance W. Steere**

Mrs. Frances Berger was elected to the Board of Trustees to take the place of Mrs. Deborah Cobb who did not choose to run for a second term. The Board is very appreciative of Mrs. Cobb's interest during her term of office.

The primary concern of the Trustees this past year was to make plans for a larger and better library. It is the conclusion of the Library Building Committee and the study group from the Capital Outlay Committee that the site of the High Street School would be the best location for the new library. The need for a new building is generally recognized but we must await the decision of the Capital Outlay Committee as to which town building will get priority. The past year we have kept our maintenance costs at a minimum but if new quarters are too many years away the interior must be painted and air conditioning installed. These two projects can not be deferred much longer.



This year we are trying to cooperate with the artists in town by installing molding so that a limited number of paintings may be displayed. Space is limited but there has been a good response.

As in previous years people have been most thoughtful of the library with gifts of books as well as money. The Board appreciates the kindness of the Friends of the American Revolution Bicentennial Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wax, The Fortnightly Club of Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Farwell, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Donnell, and many anonymous donors.

Memorials — both books and money — were given in honor of Mrs. Constance Devine, Mr. Yale Becker, Mr. James Cannady, Mrs. Eileen Lovatt, Mrs. Aline Oliver, and Mr. Joseph Aines.

Since the monetary gifts added up to a substantial sum, the Board of Trustees, after consultation with the donors, has set this money aside to be used for furniture and equipment when a new building has been achieved. It is hoped that others will give thoughtful consideration to the future needs of the Sharon Public Library in planning memorial gifts.

In June, weekly visits to the Housing for the Elderly on Hixson Farm Road were abandoned. It was felt that the needs of all the Senior Citizens of Sharon could be better served by arranging for the bus to make a stop in Sharon Square. It has proven to be a popular change.

As a result the library was able to make it possible for a member of the staff to make bi-weekly visits to the patients at Sharon Manor.

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## **Annual Report of the Library Director - 1977**

### **LIBRARY STAFF**

**Elizabeth Farrar, Library Director**

**John Quartarone — Children's Librarian**

**Laura M. Hayes — Circulation Librarian**

**Helen D. Goodyear — Reference and Young Adult Librarian**

**Christine C. Smith — Secretary**

**Mildred F. Bolan — Special Librarian**

#### **Library Assnstants**

**Elaine Ellins**

**Wilma Leidberg**

**Cheryl McClain**

**June Pharmakis**

**Dorothy Porter — resigned Nov. 1977**

**Rochelle Rosen**

## **LIBRARY PAGES**

**Elizabeth Branca**

**Claudia Palframa**

## **CUSTODIAN**

**Barrett Greenfield**

Mrs. Dorothy Porter resigned as circulation assistant at the end of November. The good wishes of the staff and its patrons go with Mrs. Porter in her new life. She was replaced by two part-time people, Elaine Ellins and Cheryl McClain.

Story hour has always been a popular attraction in the Children's Room. From October through May, the Children's Librarian held three per week — each with a registration of thirty four and five year olds.

In addition, Mr. Quartarone has conducted a number of programs for older children, ranging from movies, to a talent show, to the Summer reading program in which about two hundred children participated. The two most popular productions were a pet show held on the grounds of the library in June, and a Hallowe'en party for the children who attended Story Hours. Mr. Quartarone was ably assisted by a group of fifth and sixth grade volunteers. They all put in many hours planning and making the properties used in these productions. The library is most grateful to all those who have helped make these programs so successful.

Mr. Quartarone and Mrs. Goodyear visited the schools several times to talk about the public library and its collection.

A number of classes have also visited the library, and, as he has done for a number of years, Mr. Leonard Greenfield has brought his classes from the Intermediate School for instruction in the use of the library.

Opportunity has been given to the Professional staff to attend meetings of the Massachusetts Library Association and smaller group meetings related to their specialties. These meetings benefit both the staff and its patrons.

Circulation statistics do not present a true picture of library use, because they only indicate the number of books and other materials, which are checked out for home use. They do not show the number of reference questions asked and answered, nor is there any way to indicate the number of people who visit the library just to read its newspapers and magazines. It has become obvious to the staff that this type of visit is becoming more and more popular.

The townspeople continue to avail themselves of the inter library loan service sponsored by the Eastern Massachusetts Regional Library System. Last year Sharon residents made 612 requests for materials not available locally. This is a decrease from the previous year, which is perhaps an indication that the library's collection is improving.

## STATISTICS

BOOK CIRCULATION	1977	1975
Adult Library		
Fiction	45,315	44,735
Non-Fiction	28,376	30,305
Periodicals	5,953	5,950
Pamphlets	709	785
Phonograph records	1,161	1,439
EMR	171	399
Hixson Farm Branch (5 months)	323	919
Sharon Manor	360	300
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	82,368	84,832
Number of days open	286	290
Average circulation per day	288	292.4
Children's Library		
Pamphlets	40	52
Non-Fiction	13,886	12,960
Magazines	368	394
Fiction	31,198	29,254
Records	1,047	822
EMR	243	274
Loans to teachers	148	99
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	46,930	43,855
Number of days open	286	290
Average circulation per day	164.09	151.22
Totals number of books circulated	129,298	128,687
Inter-library loan requests	612	902
Films borrowed	25	72
BOOK ACQUISITIONS	Fiction	Non-Fiction
Adult	1,412	2,020
Young Adult	49	26
Juvenile	823	803
Total number of additions	5,124	
Total number of withdrawn	2,368	
Current Library Inventory		
Adult books	36,461	
Juvenile books	19,237	
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Registration of borrowers		
New registration of adults	758	
New registration of Juveniles	319	
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	1,077	

## RECEIPTS

Book sale funds deposited in Norfolk County Trust Co.

Balance on hand December 31, 1976	\$ 199.66
Income	349.17
Interest	12.32
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	561.15
Disbursed	100.63
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Balance on hand December 31, 1977	\$ 460.52
Fees collected and turned over to Town Treasurer	
Fines	\$3,385.40
Lost book receipts	475.75

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## BOARD OF HEALTH

**J. Edward Bamber, Health Agent**

**Cynthia Mayher, R. N., Supervisor**

**Catherine Burns, R.N.; Jane Gilmore, R.N.**

**Virginia Reardon, R.N.**

**Arlan Bennett, Secretary**

The reported cases of Communicable Diseases for 1977 were:

Animal Bite — 5	Hepatitis — 3
Chicken Pox — 17	Salmonella — 3
German Measles — 1	Strep Throat — 25
Tuberculosis — 1	

Fourty-one deaths occurred within the Town of Sharon.

Fifteen of these were out of town residents, temporarily, residing as patients at Sharon Manor Nursing Home.

A total of \$874.50 was received by the Board of Health and turned into the Town Treasurer covering fees for camps, swimming pools (public), animals, milk and cream, and food service permits.



## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Under the Board of Health, the Public Health Nursing Program provides health promotion and skilled nursing care to the residents of Sharon.

The policies of the Home Health Agency stipulate that residents who need skilled nursing care obtain a written order from their physician. Fees for nursing service were increased July 1977 to \$17.00 for a home visit and \$5.80 for an office visit, determined by the yearly cost study.

Other skilled services, which are provided through contract with Norwood Hospital, include physical therapy and speech therapy.

The Norfolk-Bristol Home Health Services, Inc., a non-profit corporation located in Walpole, continues to provide homemaker-home health aide service to the residents of Sharon. The Public Health Nurses extend supervision, teaching and evaluation to the home health aides through contractual agreement.

The Public Health Nursing program is involved in the area of community mental health through contract with the community nurse from Medfield State Hospital.

A continued liaison exists between the Board of Health and Norwood Hospital through the Public Health Coordinator at the hospital. Patients or their families are urged to contact the coordinator at the hospital or call the Board of Health office, if it seems likely that home care services will be needed. Home Health Services are often covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or other third party insurance.

The Public Health Nurses provide a monthly blood pressure screening and health teaching program for any resident of Sharon 60 years of age and over on the second Monday of the month at 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. There is no fee for this service. Approximately 119 persons were served in 1977. The program is conducted at Hixson Farm Road Housing Authority Building.

The Board of Health participates in screening for tuberculosis through the provision of Mantoux Tests, free of charge. These tests are given in the Board of Health Office, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, mornings by appointment, and must be read within 48 hours. It is mandatory for any individual, who is to be in contact with school age children, to be of known tuberculin status. Those with a positive Mantoux Test are then referred to Norfolk County Hospital for a chest x-ray.

Testing for lead poisoning is now available through the Board of Health on an appointment basis. This service is provided free of charge.

The Board of Health sponsored two Flu Clinics during the month of November. The vaccine was made available to all senior citizens, persons with chronic diseases, or others who requested it. Those persons involved in the clinic included Dr. Steven Ross, the Board of Health staff, and other community volunteers.

Nursing staff changes during the past year include the resignation of Catherine Burns, who had been the Senior Nurse for the past ten years. Jane Gilmore has assumed the Senior Nurse position and Virginia Rear-don has filled the remaining staff nurse position.

The quality of nursing service is examined on a periodic basis through a Clinical Record Review Subcommittee of the Professional Advisory Board.

The Public Health Nursing staff will continue team efforts to add new dimensions to patient and family care for the residents of Sharon.

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## **SANITARIAN**

**Jack L. Lapuck, ScD., R.S.**

**Certified Health Officer**

The Sanitarian's Program consisted of the following:

1. Supervision of school cafeteria food service practices made routinely, throughout the year. The School Department has been most co-operative in working with the Health Department and, as a result, our children receive wholesome food prepared and served in a healthful environment.

2. All milk and cream sold in the town continues to be checked for bacteriological quality. Any problems were brought to the attention of the milk producer and/or store proprietor and immediate corrective action was taken.

3. Close bacteriological supervision of the Lakefront and inspection of the refreshment stand were carried out.

4. Prior to the opening of the camping season, all camps located in the town were visited by the Sanitarian to determine compliance of these facilities with the State Sanitary Code, Article IV. Visits were also made to the camps during the camping season to ensure continuation of these sanitation standards, including the testing of eating utensils for proper sanitization.

5. Eating utensil examinations were made in all food establishments, regularly.

6. All retail food establishments were checked, regularly, for conformance with the State Retail Sanitary Code, Article X.

7. All complaints made to the Board of Health were investigated and resolved.

Dr. Lapuck is very pleased with the cooperation received from the restaurants, food service, and school food service facilities.

## PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

**Patricia Murphy, R.N.; Chairman**

**Kenneth Gordon**

**J. Fred Glynn**

**Hyla Segal**

**Robert Currie**

**J. Aaron Herschfus, M.D.**

**Arthur Haymes, M.D.**

**Steven Ross, M.D.**

**Harold Levitan**

**Lillian Crosman**

**Joy Sterneck**

**Eugene Flynn**

The primary function of the Public Health Advisory Board is that of liaison between the general public and the Board of Selectmen, therefore, fulfilling a professional back-up to the Board of Selectmen pertaining to matters of general health.

This past November the board requested permission of the Board of Selectmen/Board of Health to increase the membership to a minimum of eleven. This was necessary to fulfill the functions as required by the Federal Register, Conditions for Participation for Home Health Agencies. At the time of our annual agency review, the State Department of Public Health Surveyor suggested that we form three subcommittees: Clinical Record Review, Medical Record Review and Program Evaluation. An increase in membership provided the needed personnel to form these subcommittees and hopefully will enable the Board of Health to expand its health promotion services to the town.

With deep regret the Advisory Board accepted the resignation of Catherine Burns, Senior Nurse, who has been a visiting nurse, in Sharon, for the past ten years. Jane Gilmore, R.N., has accepted the position of Senior Nurse and Virginia Reardon, R.N., became a member of the Permanent staff on December 1, 1977.

The following persons were sworn in as new members of the Public Health Advisory Board:

Arthur Haymes, M.D.—Obstetrician

Steven Ross, M.D.—Physician

Joy Sternick—Physical Therapist

Lillian Crossman—Housewife

Hyla Segal—Occupational Therapist

Robert Curire—Banker

Eugene Flynn—Attorney

The Public Health Advisory Board is very fortunate to have a membership of the caliber that continues to volunteer their services.



## RECREATION COMMITTEE

**Shelah Hiltz, Chairman**

**Louis Kafka, Vice-Chairman**

**Alyce Stern, Secretary**

**Joseph Petrosky**

**Edward Koskella**

**Charles Cameron**

**J. Edward Bamber**

**David I. Clifton**

**"Recreation — 1978 — A New Reach"**

The coming year will mark the 10th Anniversary of the Recreation Department. While we are happy with what has been accomplished to satisfy our recreational needs, we also feel much is still desirous to expand, implement, and improve our present programs and facilities.



**1st Row Left to Right: Joseph Petrosky, Edward Koskella, Louis Kafka, Robert Goober, — 2nd Row Shelah Hiltz, Charles Cameron, Alyce Stern**

As we look forward to celebrating our achievements of the past, we anticipate with eagerness the proposed development of Deborah Sampson Park. This new lighted facility will give many of our more active citizens opportunities to participate in healthy recreational programs not available previously. As this fine project begins to take shape, we encourage as many people as possible to join us in observing and participating in making this venture a monumental milestone for our Town.

We would also like to congratulate Dave Clifton, our Director since the inception of the Recreation Department. His untiring efforts and donation have rewarded Sharon with one of the finest Departments in the Commonwealth.

Our thanks to all the Recreation Department Staff and all other Town Departments who have cooperated in making our year a success.





**1977 ANNUAL REPORT**

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**TOWN OF SHARON**



**"YOUR TIME IS OUR TIME"**

"Important as it is to organize and direct the undertaking of the world, it is more important to organize and direct the leisure time of the world."

# RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

**David I. Clifton, Recreation Director**

## **Staff**

**John T. Connors, Assistant**

**John Cosgrove, Athletic Supervisor**

**Marjorie Weston, Secretary**

**Glenn Peck, Custodian**

**James Leighton, Community Center Caretaker**

**Kenneth Chase, Senior Bus Driver**

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Recreation Department is to enhance the quality of life for the residents of Sharon by promoting and encouraging participation in worthwhile leisure time activity.

## **1977 — A TIME FOR PLANNING & EVALUATING**

In 1977 the Recreation Department experienced a period of planning for future development, a period of program evaluation, and a period of rapid growth in program participation and community spirit. Although we are quite proud of the strides made by the Department, and of the acceptance by the public, we feel that there is still much to be done in the years to come to insure a more desirable quality of life in Sharon. It has always been our goal to meet the ever-growing recreational needs of the youth, adults, senior citizens, as well as our handicapped population — keeping in mind a quality program with minimal costs. If we were successful in improving the quality of life for any of Sharon's people, then we performed an important part of our assigned task.

A heavy burden of supervision and support was greatly relieved by the assistance of many, many volunteers who played a large part in our 1977 Recreation Department programs. My appreciation to all who donated their time and efforts to better our programs and facilities. I look forward to the continuation of more challenging opportunities in 1978 in order to satisfy more residents through good programming, good leadership, and safe facilities. The following are just a few of our Recreation Department Highlights of 1977:

## **DEBORAH SAMPSON PARK DEVELOPMENT**

The 1977 annual Town meeting in April appropriated the sum of \$126,000 for the construction of recreation facilities on the town-owned property known as Deborah Sampson Park. The project includes landscaping, construction of four (4) lighted tennis courts, construction of one (1) lighted basketball court, construction of one lighted softball diamond, a parking area, two (2) soccer fields, and the construction of three (3) additional 60 foot diamonds. On the 12th of December 1977, the Town of Sharon was notified that they would not have to spend \$126,000 after receiving \$45,000 in Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund Assistance from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation towards development of Deborah

Sampson Park. It is our hope that the additional monies will be reimbursed at a later date. Construction is due to begin in early 1978. This planned project was certainly a highlight for the Recreation Department in 1977.

#### **"SENIORS ON THE GO" VISIT TO WASHINGTON, D.C.**

A group of 35 Sharon Seniors took their Traveling Road Show to the Nation's Capital on 15 November 1977 for three days and captured the hearts of the U.S. Congressmen in Washington, D.C. Representative Margaret Heckler, who arranged the three-day tour with the Sharon Recreation Department, believes that the popular variety show will long be remembered by her colleagues in Congress and have an impact on Elder Affairs in the future. Exciting shows were presented to Seniors in the D. C. Village Area, patients at the Walter Reed Medical Center, and the Capitol's Caucus Room. The special message that "Seniors are on the GO" was demonstrated by our local Seniors through song, dance, and skits. Some of the special highlights of the trip are as follows: visit with Speaker of the House, Thomas "Tip" O'Neil, VIP Tour of the White House, Capitol Hill performance, visit to Arlington National Cemetery, as well as the opportunity to sit in the Congressional seats. It was a great trip for those involved — telling the country that Seniors are no longer old people.

#### **1977 SUMMER PLAYGROUND HIGHLIGHTS**

Two hundred youngsters ranging in ages from 5 to 13 years attended the Recreation Department summer playground facility at Dr. Walter A. Griffin Playground Monday through Friday for an eight-week period, beginning 3 July and ending 26 August 1977.

Attendance was up over preceding summers and the excitement and pleasure of many special events was the key. Fourth of July field events, Jr. Olympics, Super Star Contest, weekly hot dog roasts, trips to Duxbury Beach and Lincoln Park, a spectacular Gong Show, Carnival Day, the Traveling Playhouse, Family Night and finally, our Farewell Day.... all making the summer of 1977 a very special experience for some 6,500 girls and boys

#### **1977 YOUTH ATHLETIC PROGRAMS — BASEBALL/BASKETBALL**

The Town of Sharon Recreation Department, with over 100 volunteers participating, conducts the yearly Baseball and Basketball programs at twelve baseball diamonds and four School Department Gymnasiums. One thousand girls and boys participate in an athletic atmosphere which creates healthy minds and bodies as well as many rewarding experiences. The Recreation Department thanks our many sports-minded volunteers for their time and energy.

#### **SHARON COMMUNITY CBers**

Hats off to the Community Center CBers for their time and effort during 1977 sponsoring a 48 hour CB Jamboree held on the Community Center property. The Jamboree was considered worthwhile especially when the local club presented a check for \$1,000 to the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon. The Citizens' Band Radio Club also has helped the Town in many other projects.



## MARTIAL ARTS EXPERT VISITS COMMUNITY CENTER

Sensei Richard Kim, world renowned martial artist, from San Francisco, California, visited the Sharon Community Center in January of 1977. He has schools throughout the world and has written books on the martial arts and represents the Butokukai in Japan and the United States. In 1973 he was given sensei (instructor) of the year award in the Black Belt Hall of Fame. Sensei Kim gave a very inspiring lecture and ran a class for the students of the Center and was aided by three of his highly ranked Black Belts who travel with him. This was certainly an added attraction for our Recreation Department Karate program.

## SHARON COMMUNITY GARDENS

The Sharon Community Gardeners were given a permanent home with 108 plots at the Deborah Sampson Park property in April of 1977. The gardeners were the first to implement last year's Town Meeting approval of an outdoor recreation plan for Deborah Sampson Park. Spreading lime was one of the first chores of the 1977 growing season for Sharon Community Gardeners involving over 100 families. This is a great family recreation.

## PITCH, HIT, & RUN

Major League Baseball's official Pitch, Hit, & Run Competition for Sharron boys and girls—ages 9-12—was held on Saturday, 4 June at the Dr. Walter A. Griffin Playground. This competition involved many Sharron young people and was developed in cooperation with the National Recreation & Park Association and the President's Council on Physical Fitness. This pilot program in New England was sponsored by Tom McAnn shoes.

## 1977 GENERATION GAP BALL

Certainly one of the highlights of 1977 would have to be the Generation Ball involving the cooperation and efforts of so many people, young and old. Seniors in High School, Senior adults in the Community, danced together, ate together, and enjoyed good fellowship together in an evening that will never be forgotten. It was plain to see by the many happy smiles at the February ball that there was no generation gap in Sharron in 1977.

## C.P.R. COURSES

Several courses in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation was offered to the residents of Sharon during 1977 and additional courses will be offered in 1978 at the Community Center. CPR can save lives by providing emergency artificial breathing and circulation for victims of heart attack, drowning, electrocution, choking, or suffocation. All members of the Recreation Department staff have been encouraged to take this most important course in order to be better prepared to serve the residents of Sharron in life-saving techniques.

## NEW RECREATION TRUCK

The Recreation Department purchased a new crew cab truck during 1977 to replace the 1973 Recreation van. This vehicle should prove to be more suitable to the Department's needs.

## NEW PLAYGROUND APPARATUS

In 1977 the Sharon Civic Foundation donated playground apparatus to be installed at the Dr. Walter A. Griffin playground. The equipment included a Junior Jungle Gym, a Mickey Mouse See-Saw, and a miniature slide.

## CETA STAFF

The Recreation Department was fortunate to have several new employees during 1977 under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act created in 1973 under Federal mandate. It was designed to provide skills, training, and employment opportunities for the most economically disadvantaged unemployed segment of the population. The Department hired a Custodian and office aide for a one-year period and summer youth workers during July and August.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### NATIONAL RECREATION & PARK ASSOCIATION

The National Recreation and Park Association is a non-profit service and educational organization dedicated to the wise use of leisure, conservation of natural and human resources and beautification of the total American environment. It is actively concerned with improving Park and Recreation facilities and programs and providing more wholesome and meaningful leisure opportunities for everyone. The policies that control and direct the affairs of this National Organization are formulated by a Board of Trustees elected to this National Board during 1977 for a three-year term. He is the only New England representative on this elected Board of fifty professional and lay leaders. The Town of Sharon definitely has an inside shot on the changing trends of the Park and Recreation movement in the years to come.

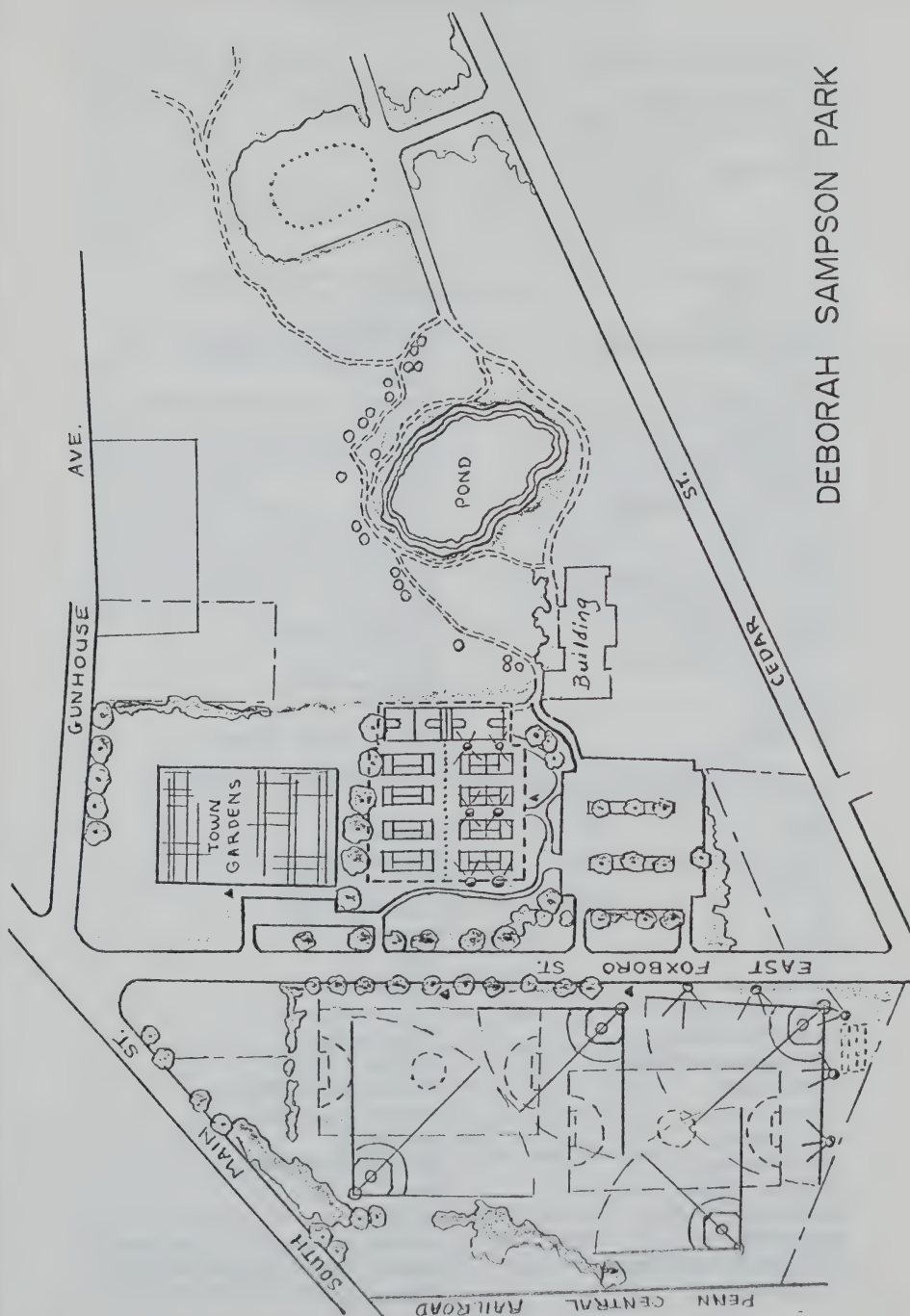
## SHARON COMMUNITY THEATER

One of the highlights of 1977 was the revitalization of our adult Community Theater Club. In May they presented a production entitled "Come Blow Your Horn" and in November, they presented "Night of January 16th" - both productions were held at the Sharon Community Center and were well received. The Sharon Community Theater is a group of Sharon individuals united together for the purpose of promoting and furthering the interests of drama and theater. The next production is scheduled in May of 1978. New members are invited to join.

# **PROPOSED FACILITIES-1977**

## **DEBORAH SAMPSON PARK**

- **4 60' Ball Diamonds**  
**1 Lighted Diamond**
- **4 Tennis Courts Lighted**
- **1 Basketball Court Lighted**
- **Landscaping – Water**
- **Skating Area**
- **2 Soccer Fields**
- **Community Gardens Area**
- **Horseshow Area**
- **Exercise Course–20 Stations**



# DEBORAH SAMPSON PARK



## 1977 RECREATION ACTIVITIES

### SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Pre-School Swimming  
Swimming - Youth & Adult  
Tennis  
Gymnastics  
Golf  
Baseball  
Special Events  
Dog Obedience  
Lifesaving  
Track & Field  
Senior Citizens' Drop In  
Jogging  
Intramurals  
Camping  
Mystery Rides  
Fishing Derby  
Sailing - youth & Adult  
Arts & Crafts  
Playground  
Karate - youth & Adult  
Social Activities  
Square Dancing  
Trips - Teens & Seniors  
Acrobatics  
Contests  
4th of July

Animal Shows  
Art Festival  
Open Gym  
Bowling  
Handicapped Programs  
Holiday Celebrations  
Bicycle Club  
"Seniors on the Go" shows  
Women's Fitness  
Tumbling  
Annual Summer Events  
Concerts  
Cookouts - Srs. & Playground  
Hiking  
Magic Program  
Yoga  
Archery  
C. B. Club  
Marathon  
Teen Dances  
Field Day  
Women's Softball  
Men's Softball  
Duplicate Bridge  
Chess  
Mystery Rides - Seniors

### FALL & WINTER ACTIVITIES

Chess  
Communitc Chorus  
Volleyball  
Art  
Skating  
Dancing  
Calesthenics  
Music Appreciation  
Pass, Punt, Kick  
Afro-American Dance  
Coffee House  
Teen Center  
Teen Dances  
Belly Dancing  
Creative Dance  
Community Theatre  
Sports Club  
Ham Radio Operators  
Teen Ski Trips

Drama  
Ballroom Dancing  
Square Dancing  
Jazz, Tap, Ballet  
Ping Pong  
Judo  
First Aid  
Baby-sitting course  
Cheerleading  
Duplicate Bridge  
Teen Halloween Party  
Tiny Tot Recreation  
Basketball  
Dance/Physical Fitness  
Plays  
Weightlifting  
Bowling  
Mystery Rides—Seniors  
Gymnastics

## **FALL & WINTER ACTIVITIES — (Continued)**

Open Gym	Smoking Clinics
Karate—youth & adult	Senior Trips (foliage, ect.)
Yoga	Senior Ball
Women's Fitness	Senior Halloween Party
Special Events	Senior Thanksgiving Party
Dog Obedience	Senior Holiday Party
Seniors Drop In	"Seniors on the Go" shows
Magic Program	Handicapped Program
Concerts	C. B. Club

## **FACILITIES**

The following is a list of facilities used by the Recreation Department during the year 1977:

Community Center	Wheaton College pool
Senior High School Gym & Auditorium	Deborah Sampson Park
Junior High School Gym & Auditorium	Deborah Sampson Skating Area
Lake Massapoag	Heights Elementary School Gym
Oakland Road Skating Area	Dr. Griffin Playground
All school tennis courts	Pettee's Hill
East Elementary School Gym	Senior High School Field
Junior High School Gym	Heights Field
East Field	Area Bowling Alleys

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## **ANNUAL REPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Corrine Hershman, Chairman**

**Edward M. Berger, Vice Chairman**

**Christine K. Greeley, Secretary**

**Martin J. Badoian**

**Carl M. Cobb**

**Chester M. Stern**

**Michael Duffy, Student Representative**

**Frank J. Bryant, Teacher Representative**

**Eileen O'Shea, Recording Secretary**

**James J. Dowd, Superintendent of Schools**

The School Committee continued the practice of recent years by maintaining a very busy schedule in 1977. During the year there were forty-three regular School Committee Meetings and fifty-two School Committee related Meetings involving one or more individual members of

the Committee. These meetings involved discussions of the School Budget, negotiations with six collective bargaining units, development of policies, discussions related to the regular education program, discussions of the programs for pupils with special needs, appointments to fill staff vacancies, and discussions and decisions on safe and adequate school facilities.

During the year the membership of the Committee was changed as the result of the departure of two elected members. Mrs. Jane Edmonds resigned on February 8, 1977, in the second year of her three year term of office. The resignation was the result of a unique development. Mrs. Edmonds was given the high honor of being appointed, by Governor Dukakis, as Chairperson of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. Mr. Dale Van Meter declined to be a candidate for a third term. Both of these members had given several years of devoted and valuable service to the School Committee.

At the Annual Town Election, Mr. Martin Badoian was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Edmonds, and Mrs. Christine Greeley was elected to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Dale Van Meters leaving. Mr. Carl Cobb was reelected for a second term.

Mrs. Corrine Hershman was named as Chairman of the Committee. Mr. Francis Bryant continues to serve as the Teacher Representative to the School Committee, and Mr. Michael Duffy was elected by the students at Sharon High School to be Student Representative to the Committee to replace Mr. Charles Fazzio.

### **BUDGET — Negotiations**

The budget for this school year reflected the increase in the salary and wage settlements which were reached with all collective bargaining units with whom the Committee negotiates, as well as the salaries of those employees who are not included in collective bargaining units. Budget increases were also necessary to provide for cost increases in supplies and materials, as well as increases in the costs of providing services as required by statute and regulation for children with special needs.

As this report is written, the Committee is actively involved in contract negotiations with six collective bargaining units, I is also involved in deliberations regarding the School Budget for the next fiscal year. In all of these activities, the Committee has its goal the maintenance of an educational program of quality which meets the needs of the students served by the public schools; while, at the same time, giving serious consideration to the ability of the town to support such a program.

For a number of years the Committee has expressed concern over the under-funding of educational costs by the Commonwealth. Governor Dukakis has recently announced that a proposal will be made to the General Court to change the formula for reimbursement for educational costs to the cities and towns of the Commonwealth. The real dollar impact of this proposal, if adopted, is not clear at this time.



## **SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

The enrollment of 3285 students as of October 1, 1977, reflected a decrease of 135 students from the figures of last year. The decline of 21 students in Grades K-6 did not permit a reduction in staff at these levels. Smaller class sizes at the lower elementary levels was the only result of this decline.

The enrollment of 77 fewer students in Grades 7-8 resulted in a reduction, by one, of the number of regular classroom teachers at Sharon Junior High School.

The decline of 37 students in Grades 9-12 did not permit a reduction in staff at these levels.

## **STAFF**

During the past calendar year, five staff members retired from their teaching duties. Mrs. Ardelle Koskella, after 23 years of teaching retired from her position as an elementary school teacher at Cottage Street School. Mrs. Mary Marshall, a kindergarten teacher at the Heights Elementary School, retired after 32 years of public school teaching. Effective December 31, 1977, Mrs. Marguerite Peltier, English Department Head at Sharon Junior High School, retired from her duties after 22 years of service in the teaching profession. At the close of the year in June, Mrs. Doris Zakon retired as a teacher at the East Elementary School. She had completed 16 years of service in teaching, during the last few of which she was a most valued member of the Elementary School Alternative School staff. For their many years of service and contribution to the education of hundreds of Sharon youths, the School Committee expresses a sincere debt of gratitude.

In addition to the five teachers who retired, thirteen other professional staff members left the Sharon School System. All but one of these vacancies were filled. New employees or teachers returning from leaves of absence replaced those who left.

In order to fill two administrative positions (included in the number above) the Committee invited the administrators, teachers and parents to join two of its members in serving on a screening committee for each of the two vacancies. The Sharon Junior High School Assistant Principal Screening Committee devoted much time to the review of the applications of interested candidates and in interviewing a number of selected candidates. As a result of this process, finalists were interview by the Committee, and Mr. Richard Cochran was appointed to fill the vacancy in the position of Assistant Principal at Sharon Junior High School.

Through the efforts of a similar process followed by the Heights Elementary School Principal Screening Committee, Mrs. Leona Bock was appointed to fill the vacancy in the position of Principal at the Heights Elementary School.

The Committee publicly acknowledges its deep appreciation and sincere gratitude to those parents, teachers, and administrators who



devoted so much of their time in their service on these Screening Committees.

The educational needs of our students dictated the need for the following additional staff appointments:

1. A part-time art teacher at the Senior High School to full-time status.
2. A part-time science teacher at Sharon High School.
3. An additional full-time reading teacher at Sharon Junior High School.
4. A full-time resource room teacher at the Intermediate School for children with special needs.
5. A full-time speech and language teacher to serve at the Heights Elementary School and at the Intermediate School.

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Mention was made in last year's report of the self-evaluation process which was being conducted at Sharon High School. This process was completed, and a committee assigned by The New England Association of Schools and Colleges visited Sharon High School on October 17-19. The report of that Visiting Committee will be made available in the Spring of 1978. In March of 1978, the Commission on Public Secondary Schools of the New England Association will make a recommendation to the Association as to continued membership for Sharon High School. In the meantime the staff will begin an examination of the recommendations of the Visiting Committee to determine the implications, thereof, for programs and facilities.

The report of the results of the College Entrance Examinations made to the School Committee last fall seems to indicate that the scores of our seniors are not, in general, following the national trend of decline. At the time this report was made, a report was also made on the comparison of acceptances for the Class of 1967 and the Class of 1977 to colleges identified as most competitive or highly competitive in their admissions. In both years approximately 15% of the graduating class were accepted by colleges listed within those two groups. By this measure, at least, it would appear that a quality program for students preparing to attend college continues to exist at Sharon High School.

As a result of the examination of achievement test scores in Grades 3-9, and the examination of our instructional activities, some changes were made in our Language Arts program. In Grades 2-6 a new program for instruction in spelling has been instituted. Spelling lists, compiled from the list of most frequently used words in writing, are in use with instructional practices differing from those used in the past. This program was developed through research and teacher suggestion, and is a joint teacher-administrator attempt to improve the spelling skills of our students.

A further development in the Language Arts area resulted from workshops held last year to determine the skills to be taught. As a result of these deliberations, new textbooks designed to be used to develop the identified skills were introduced in Grades 3 and 4.

Activities such as these will continue in the areas of Language Arts and Reading. Some similar activity is also planned with respect to the Mathematics curriculum, particularly at the elementary level.

As the result of concerns expressed by parents regarding the quality and adequacy of our programs for Children with Special Needs, the Committee voted to conduct a private evaluation of our programs for these children. As the result of interviews with four individuals who would be responsible for organizing an evaluating team and conducting the evaluation, the Committee voted to engage the professional services of Dr. Gertrude Webb, of Curry College, to conduct this evaluation.

Our Summer School Program continues to be well subscribed. Some of the programs conducted at the Primary Level were reported to have been received with enthusiasm by parents. We hope to continue to offer summer school programs of quality. The Adult Education Program appears to continue to fill the needs of the interested adult population.

## **FACILITIES**

Routine maintenance was continued in all school facilities during the year. The major concern in this area during the past year was to correct the roof conditions at Sharon High School and to correct the structural defects at East Elementary School.

As a result of the Special Town Meeting held on October 18, 1976, a School Buildings Repair Committee was appointed. The members of this Committee are Mr. James Simmons, Chairman; Mr. Raymond Angers, Secretary; Mr. Alvin Fine, Mr. Arnold Katz and Mr. Sherman Palan.

After the selection of an architect, this Committee studied plans and specifications in order to make recommendations to the Town for work on the two buildings. It was decided to replace the entire roof at the Senior High School, to replace the entire roof at East Elementary School, to reconstruct the entire exterior wall structure, and to reinforce the existing roof structure in the single-story section of East Elementary School. At a Special Town Meeting held on March 7, 1977, \$300,000.00 was appropriated for the work at Sharon High School, and \$360,000.00 was appropriated for the work at East Elementary School.

Through the cooperation of representatives from the School Building Assistance Bureau, of the Department of Education in the Commonwealth, we were able to obtain approval for partial reimbursement of the expenses at East Elementary School. The Bureau approved the participation on the basis of the need to rehabilitate that structure so as to make it safe for occupancy. As a result of this, the Town may expect reimbursement in the amount of 47.78% of the interest costs for the bond issue, and 50% of the construction costs for East Elementary School.

The work at both buildings was essentially completed in September. It was necessary to delay the opening of East Elementary School for one day and to relocate some classes within that building in order to complete the work.

The Committee acknowledges, with a deep sense of gratitude, the many hours of work by the members of the School Buildings Repair Committee. Without their persistent cooperation, the opening of those schools for this school year might have been seriously delayed.

A debt of gratitude is expressed, also, to the staff, parents, and pupils of East Elementary School for their patient cooperation in tolerating some dislocation at that school so that the work would be completed.

While the Committee has specifically acknowledged the work of a few of the citizen committees during the past year, it is not unmindful of the work of many other citizens. Their contributions through participation in advisory committees, parent-teacher groups, and school volunteers, served to enhance the quality of the educational program in Sharon. Our sincere appreciation is expressed to all citizens who participated in any way to serve the youth of Sharon.

The School Committee welcomes the attendance of citizens at all of its meetings. Such attendance can only serve to help us in our efforts to provide a sound educational program in the Town of Sharon.

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## SHARON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS

### COMPARATIVE NET COSTS TO SCHOOLS FROM LOCAL TAXATION 1973-1977

Year	Total Expenditures	Receipts	Cost of Schools
1973	\$4,149,513.39	\$ 457,027.14	\$3,692,486.25
1974	4,426,292.18	839,966.31	3,586,325.87
1975	4,806,829.13	1,087,567.02	3,719,262.11
1976	5,174,139.00	1,348,428.00	3,825,711.00
1977	5,692,765.19	1,030,223.09	4,662,542.10

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME — July 1, 1976 through June 30, 1977

Appropriation — April, 1976

\$5,694,644.00



## EXPENDITURES

1000 — Administration	158,839.34
2000 — Instruction	4,278,142.39
3000 — Other School Services	371,965.11
4000 — Operation & Maintenance	686,685.55
7000 — Acquisition of Fixed Assets	82,900.57
9000 — Programs w/Other School Districts Districts & Private Schools	114,232.23
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	\$5,692,765.19
Unexpended Balance — June 30, 1977	1,878.81

## GENERAL STATEMENT

### GROSS COST OF SCHOOLS

Regular Budget	\$5,692,765.19
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### REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES — FISCAL 1977

01440 — Rent of School Facilities	4,811.15
01550 — Miscellaneous Other Local Revenue	
Adult Education	2,973.50
Driver Education	14,001.00
Summer School	4,833.01
Misc. (Lost books, damages, telephone)	575.43

TOTAL	<hr/>
	\$27,194.09

### REVENUE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH

01210 — State School Fund	
Chapter 70	\$645,833
Transportation	116,734
01260 — Vocational Education	3,230
01293 — Chapter 69 & 71 (Chap. 766)	234,109
01998 — Other Revenue From Commonwealth	
Title I	16,000
Title IV-B	5,118
Adult Basic Education	616
Chapter 506	143,005
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	\$1,164,645

### TRANSFERS FROM OTHER DISTRICTS

01410 — Special Education Program	\$3,133.00
Total Revenue — State & Local	\$1,194,972.09
Total Revenue Returned to Town	\$1,030,223.09
Net Cost of Schools to Town (Regular Budget)	\$4,662,542.10



# COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Administration	130,109.00	125,068.72	125,365.13	144,600.00	158,839.34
Instruction	3,284,584.12	3,410,997.61	3,678,013.01	3,953,430.00	4,278,142.39
Other School Services	288,740.14	314,841.02	338,112.38	336,933.00	371,965.11
Operations & Maintenance	416,823.06	467,999.34	575,435.61	603,853.00	686,635.55
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	25,665.16	102,329.49	68,899.72	73,170.00	82,900.57
Programs w/other Districts & Private Schools	3,591.91	5,056.00	21,033.28	62,157.00	114,232.23
TOTALS	\$4,149,513.39	\$4,426,292.18	\$4,806,859.13	\$5,174,143.00	\$5,692,765.19

## REGISTRATION — SHARON PUBLIC SCHOOLS October 1, 1977

Schools By Grade	Kg.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Cottage Street School	81	69	90	92	99									431
East Elementary School	64	79	85	86	90	10	16							430
Heights Elementary School	52	67	71	72	78									340
Intermediate School					229	202	77							431
6th Gr. at Jr. High School								248	289					614
Junior High School									282	269	254	234		1039
Senior High School														
TOTAL	197	215	246	250	267	239	295	248	289	282	269	254	234	3285

## REGISTRATION OF MINORS October 1, 1977

Minors by Age Group	5 years or over and under 7	7 years or over and under 16	Total
Boys	210	1,134	
Girls	182	1,089	
TOTAL	392	2,223	2,615

# ENROLLMENT BY GRADES - 1974-1981 (October 1)

Year Kg.	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total Elem.	7	8	Total Jr.H.	9	10	11	12	13	Total Sr.H.	Totals
1974 237	258	230	286	240	279	314	1844	288	304	592	290	295	291	233		1109	3545
1975 224	253	249	231	288	252	287	1784	314	286	600	291	278	282	263		1114	3498
1976 208	237	248	258	234	287	258	1730	297	317	614	285	276	251	264		1076	3420
1977 197	215	246	250	267	239	295	1709	248	289	537	282	269	254	234		1039	3285
* 1978 200	209	215	250	255	272	246	1647	295	252	547	273	268	251	223		1015	3209
* 1979 200	212	209	219	255	260	279	1634	246	299	545	236	259	250	220		965	3144
* 1980 200	212	212	213	224	260	267	1588	279	250	529	283	222	241	219		965	3082
* 1981 200	212	212	216	218	229	267	1554	267	283	550	234	269	204	210		917	3021

\*Estimated

## ENROLLMENT VARIATION

1968 +90	1970 + 3	1972 -28	1974 -70	1976 -78
1969 -51	1971 -14	1973 -44	1975 -47	1977 -135
Average decrease for past ten years: -37    Average decrease for past five years:-75				

# **SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

**James J. Leonard, Representative**

This has been my 6th year as Sharon's representative on the Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School Committee. I am presently serving as chairman of the negotiating committee, and negotiating the teacher's contract has been a long drawn-out process with no agreement reached as yet for the 1977-78 school year. Our negotiations were interrupted at the start of the school year by a strike, and the teachers are now on a work to rule policy.

I was also elected this year to the executive board of the Mass. Council for Vocational-Technical Education. Recently I was asked by Dexter Eure of the Boston Globe to suggest the names of vocational school leaders from the north and south shores to plan a vocational school fair to be sponsored by the Globe. One meeting of the group has already been held and another is scheduled soon.

There are now a total of 24 occupational programs offered at S.E. Regional High School and six at the Technical Institute level. School polulation is 1288 secondary and 202 post-secondary, for a total of 1490 students in vocational training.

The Evening School programs offerer specialized training in 12 programs to 470 students. 105 students were enrolled in the apprenticeship programs. Participation in the evening school programs increased 40% over 1976.

An extensive summer school program is provided for all students requiring tutorial help.

The Job Placement Program of the Guidance Department located 97% of the graduating students in jobs. Aid in job location and/or re-locating is offered to past graduates as well as each graduating class.

The interscholastic program has been expanded by providing opportunities for girls to compete in the Mayflower League in field hockey, softball and basketball and track.

Students requiring special needs aid continue to be served by the 3-regional-school collaborative which is made up of Southeastern, Old Colony and Bristol-Plymouth Regional School Districts.

The 1977 town meetings approved changes in the agreement between the communities, changing the organizational date to after the latest town meeting and the election of the Brockton representatives to 4-year terms. Both changes will benefit the operation of the District Committee.

A new structure is being erected on the school property to be known as the Pre-Fabrication Center which will be used by the Mill

& House Carpentry students. It has been designed to eventually produce modular structures such as garages, cottages and small homes. The students in the Mill & House Carpentry shop are building the structure, with utilities such as plumbing, electricity and heat being installed by the students in those respective shops, in the Southeastern philosophy of "Do-it-yourself."

The football field must be relocated and rehabilitated because of expanding athletic programs. With the proper men, equipment and raw materials this will be done, saving the towns many dollars which the services of an independent contractor would require.

Lawns are cut, fertilized and watered by our own personnel. Driveways are swept, repaired, plowed clear of snow, once again properly utilizing men and equipment.

The administration is seeking new and improved methods of offering instruction to large groups, as well as individualized instruction. The addition to the school included three areas. Two of the areas are designed to accommodate approximately 150 students at a time for large groups, the other 80 students for individualized training. The use of audio-visual equipment is the pacemaker for both kinds of instruction. All of the pilot programs have met with unqualified success. Southeastern is always seeking new and different ways of conducting its educational programs to better benefit the student, but at minimal cost to the taxpayers of the District.

As in past years, Mr. Benoit, guidance director of the Sharon Junior High School and I continue trying to get as many students from Sharon as possible into Southeastern. When we realize there may not be enough students entering from the 8th grade we alert the people at the High School and we have and will again get some students from SHS over to Southeastern.

As of October 1, 1977 we had 84 students at the school. There were in the high school 59 boys and 16 girls. In the Technical Institute 3 boys and 6 girls.

## **VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**William B. Keating, Director**

The current membership of the Veterans' Advisory Committee is as follows:

Raymond F. Barley  
Arthur I. Boyden  
Roger Dennett

Abraham J. Goldstein  
John E. Herlihy, Esq.  
Richard W. Jones

Assistance, guidance and counsel from this committee, which represent various professions, occupations and skills, are available to Sharon Veterans and their dependents directly or through the Director of Veterans' Services.



## **VETERANS' GRAVES**

**William B. Keating, Graves Officer**

Affidavits received by this office show that 49 veterans were buried in the Town of Sharon during the past year. Forty-six of this number were buried at Sharon Memorial Park and three at Rockbridge cemetery.

All known Veterans graves located in Sharon have been visited by the Graves Officer. All Graves have been found to be suitably kept and cared for as required by state law. Memorial Day was observed in the customary manner honoring Veterans of all wars.

I wish to thank the Veterans Posts and others who gave of their time and effort to make sure that every veteran grave was decorated with a plant and the flag of the United States.

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## **VETERANS' SERVICES**

**William B. Keating, Director**

In the year 1977, this department processed 15 cases involving veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. The sum of \$11,974.02 was expended in cash grants for food, shelter, and clothing or payment of hospital, medical, fuel bills and other necessary expenses. Benefiting from this program were 15 adults and 17 children. It is expected that the Town of Sharon will be reimbursed approximately one half of this amount by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Many veterans and their dependents sought assistance from this office in processing forms for other Veteran Benefits, such as pensions, bonuses, burial expenses, grave markers, educational expenses, home loans, etc. In many cases, the securing of V.A. hospitalization, pensions, Social Security Disability and other benefits have greatly reduced payments made through this office.

The Office of Veterans' Services is located on the second floor of the Town Office Building. Hours are 7-9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

# COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS

## DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

**Francis J. Condon, Chairman**

**Howard Sonion, Vice Chairman**

**Stanley Rubinstein, Industrial Liaison**

**Michael Bearon**

**Peter Bagarella**

**Bernard Delman**

**Wallace Heller**

**Sauk Leibow**

**James Leonard**

**Ron Lang**

**Paul Waitz**

In early 1977 the Industrial Commission reached an understanding with the Foxboro Commission to work cooperatively on any development plans for the 700 acre Simeone tract of land which lies in both towns. Both commissions agree on the tremendous significance development of this area, whether for housing or industry, will have on the future of both communities.

During the year Brodie Inc. officially opened its operations in Sharon with a new attractively landscaped 40,000 square foot facility for the servicing and wholesaling of forklift trucks.

A principal effort of the IDC was working closely with the 28 West Resource Recovery Council on a proposal to locate a waste recovery facility on a small portion of the 300 acres belonging to Simeone, located at the South Main Street Interchange on Interstate 95. The concept is one of transforming solid waste materials into a useful product by private enterprise for profit. It is believed this could benefit the town annually with one million dollars in revenue and also be the stimulus to spur a campus style industrial development. The ultimate tax effect could be approximately \$15 on the tax rate. At the present time a resolution has been prepared for special town meeting action in January 1978.

The IDC has concluded that the only problem with industry in Sharon is that there is not enough of it. It is estimated that the industrial zone along Route 1 has only enough quality land to provide for ten new plants. As has been mentioned many times previously, only 1% of Sharon is zoned for industry. The commission would like to broaden the tax base by increasing Sharon's Industrial Zoned Land an additional 1% to a total of 2%.

The commission will proceed as in the past, recognizing the residential character of the town, to support only clean, modern industry. Residents are welcome to contact any member of the commission to make known their ideas and feelings on industrial growth in Sharon.

# TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

**Burton S. Adler**

**Gerard J. Albert, Chairman**

**William Loiselle**

**Marilyn Stewart, Secretary**

**Harold Stubbs**

**Uncertain start** The year began uncertainly for Sharon rail commuters Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail), which has been operating commuter rail lines under contract to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), following Penn Central's departure, announced in January that it would abandon the lines unless it was granted a \$8.7 million subsidy — 92% more than for the previous year. The MBTA said no — and finally contracted with the Boston & Maine (B&M) to run the lines.

But in between, the Sharon Transportation Advisory Board (STAB) circulated petitions on the trains and in the neighboring towns, collecting 22-pages-worth of signatures protesting the threatened loss of commuter rail service.

The petitions, as well as letters and telegrams, were sent to Congresswoman Margaret Heckler, Senators Edward Brooke and Edward Kennedy, and Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams. They all responded — in some cases, with telephone calls as well as letters — and strongly supported the commuter transportation position in their own communications with Federal and State officials.

State Representative William Keating was outstandingly helpful during this, as well as other transportation-problem times.

**New officers and members** In May, Harold Stubbs was succeeded as Chairman by Gerard Albert. Nelson Kravetz and Selma Wolfson resigned from the Board. They were succeeded by William Loiselle and Marilyn Stewart, who was also elected Secretary.

**New maps** Colorful, new maps normally available only at MBTA Boston stations — in effect, the maps are regional travel guides showing subway, bus and commuter rail routes and stations — were made available in the Sharon station through special efforts by the Board.

**Parking problems** In May, the B&M announced three important changes:

1. A zoned ticket system, which reduced the cost of commuter rail rides from Sharon
2. A combination monthly-rate and in-town transportation ticket for commuters to Boston
3. An increase in service that included express runs from Sharon to Boston, and hourly off-peak service



These, plus discontinuation of East Foxboro service, led to dramatically increased use of the Sharon station and parking lot — which, in turn, led to parking and traffic problems.

The Board studied ways to alleviate the jams. These included:

- enlarging and paving the Sharon-owned parking area on the Boston-bound side. (The balance of the station property is owned by the MBTA.)

- establishing a fee, sticker, and meter system for parking. Sharon resident stickers would entitle users to parking privileges. Non-Sharon residents would be required to pay for parking. All fees would be used for station maintenance.

A special regional group, the Central Transportation Planning Staff, is looking into details of these systems and is expected to present specific proposals early in 1978.

**Building Problems.** The MBTA announced its intention of eliminating the position of Sharon station ticket agent, claiming that it was an unnecessary expense as tickets were available on trains and in Boston stations. At the same time, the MBTA also announced its intention of closing the station building, if no tenant could be located, or leasing it to Sharon for \$1 a year so that the town could sublease the building to a private business or use it for town business. In that way, the station could still remain open for passenger use.

There was considerable opposition to the MBTA's plans. In November, Representative Keating filed a bill requiring the MBTA to maintain its present station service. Later that same month, at a hearing on proposed commuter rail improvements, an MBTA representative stated that "the station agents would not be removed until some arrangements could be made with the towns affected to locate a town agency or private entrepreneur in the station so that the station could remain open to serve passengers."

In December, Representative Keating's bill became law.

**Station Improvements.** A special report was sent to Sharon by the MBTA, through the Central Transportation Planning Staff and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

The report is indicative of the MBTA's, and the Commonwealth's dedication to improving commuter rail transportation. It examined seventy-six stations currently in use. For the Sharon station, it proposed:

- Replacement of the existing stairway in the northwest corner of the station with a new steel stairway
- Extending the inter-track fence to the south approximately 200 feet; replacing deteriorating sections of the platform curbing with new curbing
- New lighting for the platforms and parking lots
- Additional signs



The Selectmen endorsed the stairway and platform provisions, suggested that the parking lot lighting plans be re-examined in view of the Sharon lot, enlargement, and disapproved the proposed additional signs as unnecessary.

**What's Ahead.** The Transportation Board will continue to advise the Board of Selectmen regarding station facilities, parking problems, rail service, equipment needs, and related matters.

The Board will also study and make recommendations regarding town traffic flow, intra-town buses, etc.

And the Board will welcome as in the past, any other transportation ideas or suggestions that you, as a Sharon resident, may have.

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

**Jack Connors, Chairman**

<b>Paul Ares</b>	<b>Sylvia Matt</b>
<b>Gil Berman</b>	<b>Sumner Segal</b>
<b>Jim Carney</b>	<b>Arthur Shulman</b>
<b>Dave Clifton</b>	<b>Al Seigal</b>
<b>Rita Fontes</b>	<b>Dennis Sitter</b>
<b>Steven Ginsburg</b>	<b>Eugene Smargon</b>
<b>Doris Gladstone</b>	<b>Howard Sonion</b>
<b>Jack Glassman</b>	<b>Alyce Stern</b>
<b>Libby Kafka</b>	<b>Rena Swartz</b>
<b>Bob Levy</b>	<b>Barbara Testa</b>

The Second Annual Sharon July 4th Bike Race started promptly at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 2, with twenty-two entrees. The race was divided into three divisions: Senior—10.2 miles; Intermediate—5.0 miles; Junior—5.0 miles. Winners in each Division were:

<b>Senior Division</b>	<b>Intermediate Division</b>
<b>Doug Condon 19:47</b>	<b>Peter Rinning 13:07</b>
<b>Steve Bridges 21:47</b>	<b>Mark Snyder 16:13</b>
<b>Erik Scheier 22:13</b>	<b>Lorna Patterson 18:18</b>
<b>Junior Division</b>	<b>1st Girl</b>
<b>Greg Greenidge 16:17</b>	<b>Leslie Glow</b>
<b>Eric Greenidge 16:18</b>	<b>Louise Isenstadt</b>
<b>Mark Sonion 16:54</b>	

The playing of the national anthem and the launching of 300 colored balloons marked the starting of this year's Field Events. Elisa Curtis was the winner of the Best Decorated Doll Carriage. The Best Decorated Bike trophy went to Benji Kafka. This year's trophies were given to the Outstanding Girl and Outstanding Boy Athlete in each of five age groups. Winners were the following: five and six year olds — James Shannon and Susan Fitzgerald; seven and eight year olds — Jonathan Bauman and Michelle Zeigler; nine and ten year olds — Mark Wartski and Dawn Fitzhugh; eleven and twelve year olds — Jeff Cosgrove and a tie between Vicki Berry and Mim Minichiello; thirteen and fourteen year olds — Ben Lofgren and Jennifer Loiselle. Each group participated in five events. Over five hundred young people competed for ribbons, which were awarded to first, second, third, and fourth place finishers. Free popsicles were given to all Field Event participants.

At Memorial Park Beach promptly at 2 p.m. the swimming events took place under a cloudless sky. One hundred and twenty first, second and third place ribbons were distributed to boys and girls taking part in events for six different age groups.

In Post Office Square the Second Annual Block Party started at 7:30 p.m. with the famous Sharon Seniors Chorus performing. At 7:30 p.m. the colorful Sharon Promenaders danced and performed as only this talented group knows how. While the dancing and music was taking place kiddie events were held in the Watson Plaza area of the Square. This proved to be a very successful part of the festivities. At 9 p.m. the rock group "UVL" from Woonsocket, Rhode Island, entertained a large crowd in Post Office Square. Local merchants and organizations sold food during the evening and a good time was had by all who attended.

Sunday, July 3, was a gorgeous day for the annual 4.8 mile road race. Two hundred twenty-six entrants registered at the High School at 9 a.m. The race was sanctioned by the NEAAU and is sponsored jointly by the Sharon Independence Day Celebration Committee and the Road Runners Club of Sharon. The first Sharon High School boy winner was Bob McCormack and the first Sharon High School girls were Jill Cosgrove and Biki Berry. Winner's time was clocked in at 21:25 by H. Philan.

The weather stayed perfect for the parade, which started at 2 p.m. Fifty-two units filed out the Gunhouse and East Foxboro Streets for the 1.5 mile long route with Parade Marshal James J. Leonard and the Sharon Militia leading the way. Seven musical units, thirteen floats, three military units, town officials, state and federal politicians, clowns, antique cars, four colour guards, town departments, horses and fire engines displayed to Sharon's enthusiastic celebration of July 4th. The float winners this year were: Best Expression of Theme — Council for the Aging; Most Original — Sharon Youth Hockey; Best Design — Sharon Jaycees. A trophy for best-dressed horseman was awarded to Tine Hollis of Sharon.

The Nip-Muc WaterSki Club started the waterfront activities with a one hour performance of skiing skills. At 7 p.m. the Sharon Yacht Club was present for their annual "Sail Bye". Announcing the various categories was Joe Leonard. The Bob Sexias Riverboat Jazz Band started

playing at 8 p.m. and entertained at the waterfront for over an hour at 10 p.m. A gala display of fireworks ended a two day townwide celebration.

Sincere thanks to the following for their assistance: all Sharon organizations participating in the Block Party Parade; Chief Albert Horan and the Sharon Police Department; Capt. Joseph Petrosky and the Special Police; Bernard Rosenberg, Director, and members of the Civil Defense; Acting Fire Chief Stanley McLean, who secured the cooperation of neighboring Fire Departments; the many men who donated their time by driving the vehicles in the parade, especially Fred Markt, William and Barry Woods, and the Department of Public Works; Sharon Recreation Department Staff; Engineering Department; Sharon Road Runners Club; the official Saluter Abe Goldstein; parade judges Carol Huerth, Jo-An Horan, Bea Morgan, Chandler Jones and Sydney Morgan; Norwood Musicians Local 343; Sharon CBers Club; lastly the devoted July 4th Committee.

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## **HISTORIC COMMISSION AND HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**Chandler W. Jones, Chairman**

**John A. Newell, Vice Chairman**

**Katharine M. Cartwright, Secretary**

**Eleanor M. Herburger**

**William B. Crawford**

**Alternates**

**Karl A. Gelpke**

**Edward Lyons**

**Sydney S. Morgan**

One of the primary responsibilities and interests of the Massachusetts Historical Commission is the protection of historic and archeological resources in the Commonwealth. A prerequisite to the protection of the state's cultural resources is the identification of those resources and their relative importance in the context of the community and the state.

Sharon was one of the first communities in the Commonwealth to identify its cultural resources by making an inventory of the house and other buildings of historic interest. This inventory lead to the establishment of the Sharon Historic District and the Historic District Commission in 1970.



In June 1977 two members of the Massachusetts Historical Commission made an inventory analysis of the early survey work that had been done and made suggestions on up dating the inventory and making it more inclusive. The early survey concentrated mainly on houses and other buildings built previous to 1850 and did not include monuments, structures including mill sites, archeological sites and burial grounds. The survey team also commented that there are other properties in Sharon that appear to be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places besides The Historic District and Cobb's Tavern which are currently listed.

The analysis concluded with the statement that "The Sharon Historical Commission has an invaluable aid to help them expand and update the inventory in the form of the recently published town history. The history contains almost all of the information needed for the inventory forms which we are requesting."

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## **REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Chandler W. Jones**

**Edward A. Welch**

**Jack Gusman**

No meetings were held during the year by the Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee pending the outcome of reintroduced legislation to authorize the Norflok County Commissioners to implement a County Solid Waste Management Plan.

Since there appeared to be very little chance of the County Plan ever being approved, Sharon, along with several other County communities, joined the 128 West Refuse Recovery Council in June of 1976. Chandler Jones was appointed as representative with Edward Welch as alternate. The Commonwealth's Bureau of Solid Waste Disposal is supporting the Council with the engineering and clerical help and the services of the Mitre Corporation in the planning process.

The Council is in the process of preparing a request for a proposal from private industry to construct and operate a resource recovery facility on a site selected by the Council. The Council has requested all member communities to nominate sites that would be suitable for



a resource recovery facility based on the site selection criteria developed by the Council. A site selection is a necessary step before a request for a proposal can be prepared.

The Simeone property adjacent to I-95 met all the criteria except for zoning and a questionnaire sent to all registered voters in June 1976 by the Development and Industrial Commission was favorable to industrial development of the property. In December, 1976, the Board of Selectmen nominated the site for further consideration. After a review of all sites nominated by the technical committee of the Council, sites in Weston, Bedford, Stoughton and Sharon were selected for further study.

An open meeting was held at the Junior High School on November 22, 1977 to discuss in detail a resource recovery facility and answer questions. At the special town meeting on January 12, 1978, article 3, Resolved:

The Town authorize the Industrial Development Commission and Board of Selectmen to continue to investigate the feasibility of installation of a solid waste facility on the Simeone property

The article was defeated and therefore the site will be withdrawn from further consideration by the Council.

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## **REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL**

**George B. Bailey**

As the Sharon representative to the MAPC and its President for the years 1976-77 and 77-78, I have had a great opportunity to test the theory that local governments can benefit from a responsible, well-staffed regional planning agency. In years past, much of the MAPC activities seemed to be largely irrelevant to the Town's needs, and it appeared to be unaware of local conditions.

In 1977, this situation seemed to change as the council pursued a number of avenues which related directly to Sharon's needs. Foremost was the EPA funded Water Quality Study whose soon-to-be-issued Neponset River Basin report will deal with Sharon water pollution problems, and develop opportunities for their solution. The need for a future

growth plan for the Town as well as means of disposing of septage will be prime subjects of the study, which will demand response from Town government.

A number of subregional meetings dealt with local issues such as highway, bridge, and intersection improvement programs, the commuter rail improvement program, summaries of solid waste disposal methods, and local transit. Sharon falls in a subregion roughly southwest of Boston. Four subregional meetings took place in each of the seven subregional areas of the larger region, each open to both local government and interested citizens.

Other services provided by the council which were utilized by Sharon Town Government and citizens included a special program on the new Unemployment Compensation requirements, two workshops on Grantsmanship and Proposal Writing a special program on the acceptance of the new zoning by-law Ch. 808 of the Acts of 1976, and a workshop on the fiscal impacts of development.

The council continued to be the vehicle for review of federally-funded projects, incorporating views of local officials and interests along with the regional perspective based on council policies. The Central Transportation Staff, jointly directed by MAPC, EOTC, Mass Port, DPW, MBTA, MBTA Advisory Board and administered by MAPC, developed 1977 versions of the region's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Unified Work Program (UWP), which following review and comment by the communities were approved by MAPC and submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The Plan for Land Use in Metropolitan Boston (PLUMB), along with a series of policy papers under preparation for several years were distributed to citizens and council representatives throughout the region and served as basis for policy discussions. Formal adoption of various alternatives will be undertaken in 1978.

A new direction of council interest, regional economics, was instituted in 1977 and plans for improved staff assistance for rational regional economic planning with assistance from the Economic Development Administration are well underway.

On January 4, the council's executive committee voted to appoint Ms. Carla Johnston as its new Executive Director, and much of the course the council has charted during this first year has been as a results of her leadership. Council staff operated under fiscal constraints imposed following a review of the budget by the new director, verified by our auditors, Coopers & Lybrand, which indicated a 25% "cost overrun" in the fiscal year ending June 1977. An increase in assessment from 13.3c per capital to 16c was voted at the annual meeting in April. By Fiscal '79, council funds will be available for direct local assistance. Per capita cost for MAPC continues to be the lowest of any of the state's 13 regions.

Citizens interested in activities of the council are welcome to contact me or the council staff at 44 School Street, Boston, 523-2454.

# REPORT OF SELECTMEN'S DESIGNEE TO THE MBTA ADVISORY BOARD

GEORGE B. BAILEY

The Advisory Board is empowered under Chapter 161A to act on the Authority's annual budget and on fare changes for local surface service. The vote of each of the chief elected officials of the 79 cities and towns (or their designees) is weighed according to formula: 1 vote plus the part of 118.5 votes represented by the municipal assessment. Sharon's 1978 weighted vote is 1.2898; it's 1977 vote 1.2362. The assessment formula includes assignment of local bus service (Sharon has none), and an "express" formula which pays for all rapid transit and commuter rail with  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the costs based on inter-town work trips and  $\frac{1}{4}$  on boarders within the community. Thus, the recent loss of the East Foxboro Railroad Station is expected to increase the Sharon boarding somewhat, hence our assessment. Since the closing of the stop resulted from the exercise of the non-member town of Foxboro's option to refuse to pay a small portion of the incremental cost of providing rail service which in part stemmed from a federal policy of reducing its share of previously ICC-mandated service (Section 17 of the UMTA appropriations), the issue is complex. Local governments are likely to seek "free rides" whenever possible and to avoid costs which benefit only a small voting segment. An opportunity to save the "T" and hence the Commuter Rail operation approximately \$24,000 annually through elimination of the Sharon station ticket agent and substitution of local use was brought to the attention of the Selectmen through the designee in April. The town found no one anxious to support the "T" and eventually sought legislative restrictions on the "T". The resultant law prohibits the closing of the station but not the removal of the agent. The issue is thus unresolved. The discontinuance of all Sunday Service, unilaterally adopted by the "T" in October poses the real problem: service changes as well as fare increases can now be made without a hearing and with very minimal notice. A protest to "T" management was forwarded by the Selectmen to Chairman Kiley.

**Service Improvements** in the form of hourly off-peak service, and an added express trip to Boston from Sharon at 7:40 A.M. was initiated by the "T" in the fall schedule while Sunday service was dropped. The increase in service was accomplished with the same labor force and equipment available in 1976 to ConRail, operators of the service following its assumption of the Penn-Central system. To accomplish this the "T" contracted with the Boston & Maine RR system for operation of the "south-



side" service following a substantial rate increase. Labor contracts were brought into conformity with B & M agreements: firemen eliminated, extra trainmen transferred, crews shifted regularly from line to line on the four previously separate Penn-Central Divisions. The new schedules enabled the system to absorb a 15% increase in patronage, averaging 14,500 daily trips in December 77.

**Difficulties with Equipment** became more evident in late '77 as the sins of the past were visited upon the present operators. Of the pool of 76 coaches collected by the MBTA, only about 60-65 are available daily and 22 of these are likely to be without heat or light or both. Loss of heat is usually due to use of a substitute B & M freight locomotive operating without one of the 4 Canadian National Steam generator cars the "T" leases. The "T" owns 23 operable locomotives but due to age and infirmities, only 16 of the minimum daily requirement of 22 are usually available. The gap is filled by 4 leased D & H locomotives and assorted steamless B & M freight locomotives.

**The future is somewhat brighter** since the 25 new coaches are on order along with 5 locomotives which will combine into 5 push-pull trains capable of dual directional operation. Cars are electrically heated with all energy supplied from a special power supply in the locomotive. An additional 35 will be ordered shortly with delivery expected in 1979. Technology of the cars is identical to equipment now in use on Northern New Jersey Lines and in Chicago.

**The Authority Budget** for 1978 was voted 16 Dec. 77 at the level recommended by the Budget Analysis Staff of the Advisory Board: \$255 million. Of that amount, approximately 25% is expected to be collected in fares, and the remainder divided equally between local assessment (real estate tax) and state reimbursement. The fares collected from Commuter Rail will drop slightly below 25% due to continued high operating and maintenance costs of antiquated equipment. Sharon also concurred with the Advisory Board vote to change the guidelines for arbitration proceedings and other efforts which would strengthen the bargaining position of management. Legislation of this kind failed in the 1977 session.

**Other Meetings** of the Advisory Board were held in 9 February to act on several fare changes and service policy amendments and on 9 December to act on the Governor's nomination of Claire R. Barrett of Concord for appointment to the Advisory Board. Sharon was represented at each and cast affirmative votes on the major issues. Minutes of all meetings are on file at the Advisory Board Offices at 6 Bacon Street and in the Town Hall.



## DESIGN STUDY COMMITTEE

**Judy Bookbinder**

**Barry Jordon**

**Roger Nicholas**

**Roberta Shaffer**

**Leonard Vilar**

**Donna West**

On October 7, 1977 the Sharon Design Study Committee was established to research and propose design guidance controls to enhance our visual environment. The Committee is a volunteer citizen group that reports to the Planning Board.

The Committee has reached two fundamental conclusions that will effect its direction and results. The first is, that before controls and zoning regulations can be used to better shape our visual environment, a consensus must be reached on visual qualities and characteristics appropriate for the town.

The second conclusion, is the realization that there is not one all encompassing visual image that would be appropriate for our town. Different areas such as the town center, residential areas, commercial, and undeveloped land have different characters.

The Committee has established as its primary task to define these areas and present a visual character for each. After a desired image for an area has been developed, the Committee will propose controls to preserve and enhance those approved visual characteristics.

# OFFICIAL INFORMATION



## JURY LIST

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 Griff, Samuel, 36 Harold Street  
 Griffin, Robert J., 40 Pine Street  
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 Hirshon, Ann, 6 Birchwood Circle  
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 Kanofsky, Frances R., 32 Essex Road  
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 Lastoff, Shirley B., 1109 Bay Road  
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 LeBlanc, Leonard A., 51 Harold Street  
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 Maltzman, Shirley E., 7 Hampton Road  
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 Parker, Martin A., 8 Lake Avenue  
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 Powers, Anna H., 308 Massapoag Avenue  
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 Ray, Arlene, 28 Pole Plain Road  
 Reingold, Charles A., 51 Barefoot Hill Road  
 Rice, Joel S., 30 Kennedy Road  
 Richards, Theodore E., 22 Dunbar Street



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Rubin, Patricia, 6 Bird Lane	Thomas, James R., 373 North Main Street
Sabbag, Michael L., 25 Essex Road	Toon, Sondra, 1 Sandy Ridge Circle
Sallen, Lois, 40 Oak Hill Drive	Trefethen, David M., 7 Mitchell Street
Sarfaty, Edward L., 6 Francis Road	Troy, James, 7 Falcon Road
Scheier, Stanley C., 37 Arboro Drive	True, Mary Jane, 42 Mansfield Street
Serra, June, 4 Osprey Road	Tuch, Beatrice, 10 Fisher Road
Sherman, Wilfred H., 35 Essex Road	Urbano, Jean, 22 Leonard Road
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Simmons, Ronald W., 85 Moose Hill Pkwy.	Walter, Joseph S., 9 Arboro Drive
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Sirota, Rosalyn, 29 Hampshire Avenue	Watstein, Sharon J., 1007 Bay Road
Sloan, John B., Jr., 10 Summit Avenue	Webber, Carolyn, 208 North Main Street
Sokolow, Ethel D., 37 Lantern Lane	Weiner, Linda, 14 Birchwood Circle
Sottile, Louise J., 125 Moose Hill Parkway	White, Edna S., 225 Norwood Street
Sullivan, William F., 121 Lakeview Street	Wilson, Leslie F., 63 Barefoot Hill Road
Sutton, Lester A., 39 Lake Avenue	Wise, George M., Jr., 1529 Bay Road
Teicher, Richard C., 23 Falcon Road	Wolff, Brenda, 23 Country Lane
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## OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

**Term  
Expires**

### NATIONAL:

<b>Senators:</b> Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat .....	1982
Edward W. Brooke, Republican .....	1978
<b>Congress:</b> Margaret M. Heckler, Republican .....	1978
(Tenth Congressional District)	

### STATE:

<b>Governor:</b> Michael S. Dukakis, Democrat .....	1978
<b>Lt. Governor:</b> Thomas P. O'Neill, III, Democrat .....	1978
<b>Attorney General:</b> Francis X. Bellotti, Democrat .....	1978
<b>Secretary of State:</b> Paul H. Guzzi, Democrat .....	1978
<b>Treasurer:</b> Robert Q. Crane, Democrat .....	1978
<b>Auditor:</b> Thaddeus Buczek, Democrat .....	1978
<b>Governor's Councillor:</b> George F. Cronin, Jr., Democrat .....	1978
(Second Council District)	
<b>Senator:</b> Joseph F. Timilty, Democrat .....	1978
(Norfolk & Suffolk District)	
<b>Representative:</b> William R. Keating, Democrat .....	1978
(Nineteenth Norfolk District)	

### ABOUT YOUR TOWN:

Annual Town Election is held at the High School Gymnasium on Pond Street on the first Monday in April from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.

Annual Town Meeting is held at the High School Auditorium on Pond Street on the second Monday evening in April.

### TOWN DUMP HOURS:

Tuesday through Saturday:	8 AM — 5 PM
Sunday:	10 AM — 3 PM
Mondays & Legal Holidays	CLOSED

### SPECIAL FIRE SIGNALS:

2—All Out, Test, and Curfew

7—Forest Fire

12—Seek Cover—Nuclear attack or major natural disaster imminent.

711—Meeting Call

721—Out-of Town Aid Call

733—No School— 6:45 AM and 7 AM, Grades 5-12

7:45 AM and 8 AM, Grades K-4

11:45 AM and 12 Noon, Afternoon Kindergarten

744—Red Cross

### TOTAL REGISTRATION of VOTERS — 1977

Precinct	American	Republican	Democratic	Independent	Total
1	0	307	825	814	1946
2	0	109	951	922	1982
3	2	156	960	904	2022
4	0	237	780	796	1813
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>3516</b>	<b>3436</b>	<b>7763</b>



